

SERBIA WILL BE FREED BY ALLIES

King George Assures King Peter Complete Independence is Goal

AUSTRIA'S OFFER TO MONTENEGRIN GOVT.

Friendly Relations Between French and Greeks on Island of Corfu.

Salonica, Jan. 17.—King George V. has wired King Peter of Serbia as follows:

"I am fully convinced that the allies, with the heroic Serbian army, are now in a position to win back for your people complete independence and to secure final victory."

Athens, Jan. 17.—King Peter of Serbia, traveling on a French warship, has gone from Salonic to Aedepsos, on the Island of Eubosa, in the Aegean Sea, where he will take a cure.

Brindisi, Jan. 17.—Forty members of the Serbian government have arrived here from Scutari, Albania, accompanied by diplomats of the allied powers accredited to King Peter.

Austria's Effort.

Rome, Jan. 17.—Austria-Hungary, according to a press dispatch from Athens, is reported to have offered a separate peace to Montenegro on the following terms:

"Austria to agree to guarantee Montenegro all territorial rights in Scutari, Albania, in exchange for the cessation of Mount Lovchen to Austria."

Official announcement was made by the Montenegrin authorities on Saturday that Montenegro had not adhered and had no intention of adhering to any separate proposal of peace or to any armistice with Austria-Hungary.

At Corfu.

Corfu, Jan. 17.—The French are here but their presence cannot be described as an occupation in the military sense. The civil and administrative life of the island proceeds as heretofore. The Greek officials occupy their usual posts and carry out their customary duties without hindrance on the part of the French.

Very friendly relations exist between the Greek officers, the French consul and the French officers and men. All possibility of disagreeable incidents has been removed, the French carefully avoiding hurting Greek susceptibilities.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—The Austro-Hungarian government has entered a verbal protest with the American ambassador at Vienna, F. C. Penfield, against the occupation by French and British detachments of the island of Corfu.

BRITISH IN MEXICO MUST BE PROTECTED

British Govt. Has Made Its Attitude Plain to United States

Washington, Jan. 17.—Great Britain is expected to suggest again to the United States that unless foreigners are protected in Mexico, the European nations will be compelled to consider steps to protect their own interests. This is believed to be the real reason why the British embassy has followed the example of the United States in ordering all British subjects from Northern Mexico.

The British government notified the United States a week ago that any Mexican government recognized by the United States must be compelled to give adequate protection to all foreigners. It is expected that Britain will demand an indemnity for the loss of British lives and property in Mexico.

SPANISH SHIP SUNK; TWENTY-THREE SAVED

London, Jan. 17.—The Spanish steamship *Belgica* has been sunk. Twenty-three members of the crew were saved.

The last mention of the *Belgica* in available maritime reports notes her arrival on Dec. 12 at Keysham, Eng., from Sagunto, Spain. The steamship was owned by the International Navigation Company of Bilbao. Her gross tonnage was 2,100.

Russian Forces Are Driving Back Turks on Caucasus Front

Berlin, Jan. 17.—After delaying for a week the advance of strong Russian forces in the Caucasus, the Turks have withdrawn their advanced posts several miles at some points, according to the Turkish official statement of today, received here from Constantinople.

WAS PAID BEFORE HE BLEW UP BRIDGE

Werner Horn Received Cheque for \$700 From Capt. von Papen

THIS PROVED BY PAPERS SEIZED BY THE BRITISH

London, Jan. 17.—It is declared officially that the cheque stubs seized among the papers of Captain von Papen, the recalled military attaché of the German embassy in Washington, show that the cheque for \$700 paid to Werner Horn was dated before Horn dynamited the C. P. R. bridge between Vanceboro, Maine, and the New Brunswick side.

The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial on the von Papen case and the disclosures, says:

"It is fair to assume that the evidence is only a very small sample of what came into our hands at Falmouth. The wonder is that a professional plotter like von Papen let us find any at all."

"Such as it is, it is sensational news. Here was a diplomatic official accredited to a neutral country and enjoying diplomatic privileges, who used these privileges as a screen behind which he not only organized espionage and promoted breaches of neutrality at the expense of belligerents, but subversive dynamite outrages at the expense of the neutral country itself."

"It must be remembered that these disclosures are merely decisive corroborations of a presumption which had grown overwhelming as to the existence of German plots in the United States to commit outrages by arson and dynamite."

The Times says that while the letters seized from James F. J. Archibald, the American correspondent whom Dr. Dumba used as a messenger, did not contain proof that any members of the Austrian or German embassies were directly concerned in the promotion of outrages, "the evidence of such connection would seem to be afforded by the von Papen documents."

WILL COME UP IN THE HOUSE SHORTLY

Movement for Nation-Wide Prohibition Engaging Attention at Ottawa

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The proposed measure to extend the life of the present parliament for a year appears to be overshadowed in parliamentary circles by the move for national prohibition. Every one believes that an agreement will be reached with regard to the extension. If there is some difference of opinion it is as to when it should be put through—whether at the beginning of or towards the close of the session.

The move for nation-wide prohibition, however, opens up possibilities for speculation which are engrossing the attention of the members. All the members of the house of commons heard to-day from the committee of the league of citizens which is pressuring the matter. Individually the majority of the members seem to be inclined to vote in favor of prohibition, but what the official attitude of the government and the opposition will be in regard to the matter remains to be seen. Doubtless the matter will form the subject of a debate at an early date.

In a letter to the secretary of the league committee, Sir George Foster says:

"I am quite sure that whenever it is absolutely manifest that the people of Canada desire this action, public men will be found ready to coincide with and carry out their wishes."

Sir George agrees that a great saving would be effected if the people of Canada during the war were to decide to do away with expenditure on intoxicating liquors.

FIRST AID IN THE TRENCHES



The idea that the surgeons of the Army Medical Corps wait in hospitals in the rear of the fighting front to give first aid to wounded men is disproved by the above picture, which shows a British doctor attending to a badly-wounded man right in the trenches before sending him to a field hospital.

RUSSIANS GAINING ON CAUCASUS FRONT

Over 400 Turks, Guns and Quantity of Supplies Were Captured

GERMANS HELPING TURKS IN PERSIA

Petrograd, Jan. 17.—The following official statement was given out last night:

"Caucasus front—In the course of the fighting on January 14 we captured 20 Turkish officers and more than 400 men, a quantity of war and engineering materials and provisions, one heavy gun and several other guns and eight machine guns."

"Persia—In the fighting at Kangavar we took many prisoners. The enemy abandoned many dead on the battlefield. Our losses were insignificant."

"Southeast of Hamadan we drove back toward Daulatabad a detachment consisting of Turks and Germans."

London, Jan. 17.—The Russian official statement issued last night supplied the first official intimation that Germans are fighting alongside the Turks in Persia.

CANADIANS INVESTED BY THE KING TO-DAY

London, Jan. 17.—The following were invested with decorations by the king at Buckingham Palace to-day:

Companion of the Order of the Bath: Major-General Carson.

Companions of the Order of St. Michael and St. George: Brigadier-General McDougall, Surgeon-General Carleton Jones and Col. Godfrey Mathews.

Companions of the Distinguished Service Order: Major Norton Griffiths, Royal Red Cross: Miss Margaret Macdonald.

MRS. PANKHURST WILL WORK IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragette leader, now on parole in New York under the immigration authorities, will be formally admitted to the United States soon after the papers in her case reach Washington. President Wilson is opposed to her exclusion. Mrs. Pankhurst is working in behalf of the Serbian relief movement.

WARD ONE LIBERALS

The annual meeting of the Ward One Liberal Association will be held this evening in the Liberal Rooms, Jeune Block, Cormorant street, at 8 o'clock, when officers will be elected.

Members and all electors desiring to join the association are asked to be present.

URGES A ZONE IN NORTHERN MEXICO

Oklahoma Senator Would Have American and Mexican Soldiers Patrol It

Washington, Jan. 17.—The establishment of a neutral zone in Northern Mexico, to be policed jointly by the forces of Mexico and the United States, unless disorders are speedily controlled, is proposed in a resolution introduced to-day by Senator Gore, Democrat, of Oklahoma.

Concentration of Americans at Torreón, Monterrey and other points where Carranza troops can afford them greater protection was reported to the state department to-day by Consul-General Hanna at Monterrey. He said that Americans and others employed by the Penoles Mining company near Mapimí, north of Torreón, had arrived safely at Monterrey. With them were a few from Asarco. Americans who have been on the property of the Tlahualilo plantation in the Laguna district are at Torreón and Lerdo, a suburb.

Carranza in Earnest.

Mr. Hanna advised the department

of the dispatch of Carranza reinforcements from Monterrey to Torreón, adding that "the Carranza government is earnest in its efforts to improve conditions and to prevent further assaults on Americans. Good order here is maintained."

Consul Silliman reported from Querétaro the receipt of a telegram from Gen. Trevino to Carranza, notifying him of the capture and execution of General Jose Rodriguez and Carlos Amaya, Villa leaders, on January 15. General Trevino assured Carranza that the sternest measures will be adopted against all Villistas who are considered bandits."

Assured by Authorities.

Evidence collected at El Paso by state department agents indicate that the Carranza authorities at Chihuahua assured C. R. Watson, head of the party of Americans killed at Santa Ysabel, that no escort was necessary. With that opinion many of the Americans agreed, although they had suggested to the authorities the advisability of sending troops with the party.

The advice further stated that the Carranza governor of Chihuahua had given Watson a personal passport and that the Carranza immigration authorities at Juarez had given a general passport for the whole Watson party.

These developments are taken to point to the responsibility of the Carranza government for not adequately protecting the Americans.

Hours Overdue.

El Paso, Jan. 17.—One hundred and fifty Americans, en route from Parral to Juarez, are hours overdue. Communication between Parral and Juarez is poor and much apprehension is felt for their safety.

Typhus, which originated in Mexico City, has spread to the north and one death was reported to-day in El Paso.

That Governor Esteban Cantu will be deposed as governor of Lower California this week, and that the Tia Juana race track will be closed, was the news contained in official dispatches received here last night by Andres Garcia, Carranza consul.

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REPORTED TWO MORE AMERICANS MURDERED

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STATES NEW PLAN WILL BE FOLLOWED

Each Battalion Will Recruit to Strength of Two or Three

MAJOR-GENERAL HUGHES MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Many New Battalions Offered but Dearth of Competent Officers

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—While hundreds of offers are being received from all parts of the Dominion for the raising of battalions, Major-General Sir Sam Hughes states that at present there is a dearth of competent and efficient officers to command such units, and that until such times as the needed officers can be trained properly, the battalions at present in existence will be permitted to recruit beyond their normal strength up to a second or even a third battalion each. Afterwards these battalions can be organized properly under competent heads trained effectively at the new schools which are to be established throughout the Dominion.

"We want to know who is who before we make appointments or permit the raising of battalions under new auspices," said Major-General Hughes to-day.

Sixty-nine Returned.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 17.—The C. P. R. liner *Misanable* arrived in port at an early hour this morning from Liverpool with 268 passengers, including 69 returned officers and men. Shortly after 7 o'clock the steamer docked at West St. John and the soldiers disembarked, 62 leaving by train for Quebec and 67 remaining at the local discharge station.

The war office states that after hard fighting the Turks began to withdraw on January 13 and 14, and that they are being closely pressed by British troops under command of General Aylmer.

The Turks in retreat along the Tigris are those who have been holding back the British column proceeding up the river to the relief of the British force at Kut-El-Amara, which is commanded by General Townshend. The text of the statement follows:

"After their defeat on January 8-9, the Turkish forces opposing General Aylmer retired to a position across the Tigris at Orshe, 25 miles down stream from Kut-El-Amara.

"General Aylmer attacked the position on January 13, hard fighting continuing until nightfall.

"During the days of January 13 and 14, the enemy began to retire and is being closely pressed on the east and north by the British forces."

DOVE BACK ENEMY AND TOOK TRENCHES

Italians Turned Austrian Attack Near Gorizia Into Success for Themselves

Rome, Jan. 17.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Between the Sarca and Adige valleys on Friday, after a lively artillery action, an enemy detachment attempted to approach our positions at the mouth of the Cresta valley, but was immediately repulsed. One of our detachments has occupied the little island in Lake Dilophio.

"On the same day our artillery caused an explosion in one of the enemy's munitions depots in the region of Ombretta, and dispersed an enemy column ascending the River road.

"On the heights northwest of Gorizia the intense bombardment of Friday was followed in the night by an attack in force on our positions between the Piumic Torrent and Oslavia. Although at first repulsed, the enemy renewed his attack a second time with greater force and succeeded in penetrating some of our trenches between Hill 158 and Oslavia.

"The following morning, however, we drove back the enemy beyond Oslavia and occupied the trenches east of that village, capturing arms, munitions and many prisoners.

"Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on Feltre, causing no loss of life and but slight damage."

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125 OFFICERS AT THE HOLYPORT CAMP

Neutral Correspondents Visit
ed Prison Where British
Keep Germans

London, Jan. 17.—Next to Donnington hall, Holypot is the most important German officers' prison in England and for the first time the authorities have permitted unofficial neutrals to visit the camp.

Most of the prisoners have their quarters in the large building of the Holypot Army Preparatory school, but with an increase in their numbers it has been necessary to supplement this with temporary wooden structures built in the school yard. The chief school building was erected by Charles II as a residence for his favorite, Nell Gwynne. It has been restored for school purposes, and, while architecturally ugly in appearance, forms a comfortable roomy building for its present use.

Three Acres

The temporary huts are built close about the main building and the whole group, which does not occupy more than three acres, is surrounded by a fence in the form of barbed-wire entanglements. The commandant of the prison and his assistants are quartered in a large brick residence at the gateway of the school grounds which probably served as a lodge when the place was used as a country home. The company of soldiers guarding the prisoners occupies the stables and laundries of the school. These quart-

ers are in the rear of the barbed-wire enclosure, which is entirely devoted to the quarters of the imprisoned officers and their orderlies.

When the party of neutral correspondents arrived to inspect the camp the prisoners were preparing to leave the house for the eighteen-acre athletic field. Twice weekly the prisoners are compelled to seek this field, where they take whatever form of exercise they desire. Every day the prisoners have the privilege of using the field for two and one-half hours, but the half-hour period twice weekly is compulsory. In the summer the tennis courts were in almost constant use, but this form of sport at which the Germans were particularly keen, has now ceased on account of the weather. Football and hockey are played now, with the officers' prison orderlies taking a lively interest in the first-named game, at which they have become quite adept.

Two Groups

A few minutes before the arrival of the recreation hour, an armed patrol is stationed about the wire fence which encloses the field. The officers then stroll from the house in groups through the main gate of the prison and down a lane between a row of sentries to the field. Later their orderlies appear under escort of an armed guard.

The groups that reach the field remain intact, and according to the British officers in charge, this same grouping takes place within the prison. Differences of rank and social position are sharply accentuated and only broken down in the event of a general celebration of some sort. Among the prisoners are a number of navy officers, and the cleavage between the army and navy is particularly apparent in the relations of the officers.

The visit of the neutral correspondents to the camp was made on a wintry afternoon when the vivid and picturesque uniforms of the officers have a touch of color to the dismal surroundings. The presence among the officers of so many brilliant garrison uniforms is accounted for by the fact that whenever a German reserve officer was seized from a ship en route to Germany, he was permitted to send home for his uniform. The officers actually captured in action wear the usual German field grey uniform, while the naval officers, most of whom were captured at the battle of the Falkland Islands, wear blue uniforms which differ little in appearance from those of their captors.

Bath Tub

While the officers were in the recreation ground the visitors were conducted through their quarters. The bathing department is well equipped with bath tubs from the school, which while hardly man's size, are plentifully supplied with hot water. During the summer the officers had the use of the school swimming tank, but as there is no means of heating the water, the winter compelled them to give up this pleasure.

The ground floor of the house contains several large rooms used as smoking and lounging rooms by the officers, but these are seldom occupied, as the prisoners seem to prefer the small sitting rooms which they have partitioned off from their bedrooms by the use of screens. The second and third floors are given up to bedrooms, in which from one to six officers sleep. Besides the open grate heaped with coal, each room has one or more coal oil stoves, and with every window closed these rooms, stifling to the visitors, who had become accustomed to the inadequate heating of English houses. The bedrooms are furnished with very comfortable beds, each of which is covered with a clean, neat bedspread. Some of the naval prisoners have equipped their rooms like the staterooms of a warship, with one bunk above another. Most of the rooms are ornamented with attractive prints, many of which are the handicraft of the lodgers. Some of the prisoners have improved the dull wall paper by using their bright colored bedspreads as tapestry wall covering. Among the prints are many pictures of German national figures.

Huts Comfortable

The quarters in the temporary wooden huts within the enclosure are equally comfortable. In the basement of the building are the kitchens, dining rooms, school room and dispensary. The officers, who are paid a few cents more than a dollar a day, conduct their own commissariat, which costs them about 50 cents daily. The resulting menu, provided by a typical looking chef, is varied and sustaining.

Within the wire enclosure the prisoners are left alone, for, except on the occasion of visits of inspection, no British uniforms are ever seen within the gates.

The prisoners number 125 army and navy officers, with 52 enlisted men as servant orderlies.

HOUSE IN ALBERNI DAMAGED BY FIRE

Alberni, Jan. 17.—Fire broke out in the residence occupied by C. Gales, a barber here, and owned by H. E. Fitzgerald, of Chilliwack. The 1st brigade, under Chief Forrest, made a quick run, considering the depth of snow on the ground, to the scene of the blaze and soon had it under control. The fire was caused by a defective chimney and damage was done to the extent of about \$100. It is understood that the loss is covered by insurance.

Five more of the young men of this district left for Victoria and Vancouver last week for the purpose of enlisting. Two have joined the 1st Battalion, the 38th, the 10th and one the Royal Canadian Engineers.

CAPTAIN OF OLYMPIC HONORED BY FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 17.—The French government has awarded a gold medal to Captain Bertram F. Hayes, of the British liner Olympic, for his courage in rescuing at the risk of losing his own ship and crew of the French steamship Provence, sunk by an Austrian submarine on Oct. 4, 1915, off the island of Corfu, south of Greece.

OUTSTRIP GERMANS WITH INVENTIONS

Allies Have Made Great Strides,
Says Marconi; Future
Warfare

Rome, Jan. 17.—Guglielmo Marconi is back in Rome after an absence of five months in England and at the front in France and Flanders. He declared to press representative that the advantage with which the Germans began the war, on account of their greater scientific equipment, has been entirely overcome by the allies. This, he said, has been due to the prompt and efficient mobilization of the men of science and inventive genius in the countries of the allies.

In the course of further remarks he made the statement that, despite the marvelous development of machinery for the purposes of warfare, future land battles will be determined in the final resort, by hand to hand conflict with cold steel.

It is rumored in military circles that in recognition of the very distinguished services he has already rendered to the nation, Signor Marconi, who soon after war was declared against Austria entered the Italian army with a rank of sub-lieutenant in the engineering arm, will be given the rank of colonel, with a public acknowledgment of the nation's gratitude.

Scientific Preparation

To the press representative Signor Marconi said:

"Science undoubtedly was one of the principal factors in the successes obtained by the Germans. We were genuinely surprised at the scientific preparation of the armies of the Kaiser, but now in this regard we are at least equally strong."

"Let us consider in detail the German scientific inventions. First of all comes the asphyxiating gases. This barbarous invention surprised us all at the beginning, but it is no secret now that the allies have the whereabouts of the German tanks.

"In aviation, contrary to what had been expected, the Germans also showed their preparations had been on a most efficient scale. They had very fine machines and exceedingly clever pilots. By prompt and energetic action the allies soon caught up to them and now surpass them in this respect, a fact proved by bombardments of German towns.

"Another surprise with regard to air machines was the fact that very large air craft were put in the field at the beginning of the war equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus of a new kind. The French, however, captured a few of these machines; the secret became common property and the benefit which the Germans expected from their invention in this regard was frustrated.

"The Zeppelins are valuable for carrying out raids, but from a military point of view they are of no value.

Not a Brilliant Show

"On the sea Germany did not make a brilliant showing, apart from the use of a submarine which proved to be of exceptional construction. Their special value was due to the use of the Diesel internal combustion engine, but the allies are struggling victoriously in this field and also are accomplishing wonders.

"In the beginning of the war the Germans had a heavy artillery which was superior to that of the allies. At present the conditions are just the opposite. During my recent trips along the French front I found everywhere that the French batteries have the upper hand over the Krupp guns.

"In the matter of wireless stations also the Germans are inferior to the allies. The most powerful station of all is one now established in England.

"Every day the allies are adding little scientific improvements of a most useful kind and in great numbers for wireless purposes. I cannot speak of them, because it is necessary to keep our secrets. I may say, however, that the Germans, who have remarkably well equipped workshops and laboratories, are in a position to replace all their damaged parts, but the allies, daily making new scientific progress, already are on a par with their adversaries and soon will have left them behind."

Signor Marconi said that undoubtedly the war of to-morrow will be much more scientific than the present one. Machinery for destruction would grow enormous in size, fantastic in conception and extraordinary in results. One of the most remarkable developments at present in this regard concerned the torpedo.

The Air Torpedo

Inventors were working on a method of directing marine torpedoes from a distance. This was difficult, but not impossible. It was even reported that a captain of engineers had invented a torpedo to operate in the air for the purpose of attacking Zeppelins.

This, however, Signor Marconi said, was but a small matter. In his opinion the greatest surprise is being reserved for the use of electricity, which so far has not been employed as a weapon of destruction.

"Some inventors," he said, "are working on the theory that battles of the future will be fought without rifles, artillery and shells. Personally, I do not think it practicable, but of course theoretically it is possible."

"If we could find apparatus capable of producing electric waves powerful enough to produce explosions at a distance we then undoubtedly would see extraordinary sights, such as many modern inventors tell us we are destined to see—the blowing up of battleships at sea, the causing of shells to explode inside the guns and even the cartridges in the soldiers' belts. That would bring us back to hand to hand fighting."

Hand to Hand

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what the Italian soldiers call the "white arm." The decision of land battles will be with cold steel, the bayonet and even the knife, with which, as a matter of fact, soldiers in the field are being equipped at present. It is the soldier, more than ever in the future, who will win battles and decide the fate of empires. Signor Marconi, when questioned with regard to the work he at present has in hand, said it did not involve an apparatus for seeing through stone walls, as the newspapers have said, but inventions of immediate utility for war purposes.

Mutual Aid.

Signor Marconi declared it to be the duty of all the allies to aid one another spontaneously and unrewardedly.

Any decline of exchange on the London market, for instance, and the high cost of freights, which put up the price of coal and grain in Italy and directly afflicted the poor, should be modified, he said, by the action of Great Britain with regard to the exchange and by combined action of all the allies on the freight question. They should regulate all merchant vessels in their ports, not only for the purpose of providing themselves with the necessities for carrying on the war but also of providing the staples for the nation.

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GREEK CHAMBER TO MEET JAN. 24; NEW PRESIDENT

Paris, Jan. 17.—A Havas dispatch from Athens says it is considered certain that when the chamber of deputies assembles on January 24, M. Michalidis, minister of public instructions and public works, will be the sole candidate for the presidency.

THE NAVY'S SALUTE FOR GENERAL BOTHA**"A Most Valuable Food"**

At a time when the preservation of artificial foodstuffs is receiving more attention than ever before, and when new forms of easily assimilable fat to take the place of codliver oil are being frequently brought to the notice of the public, it is of interest to learn that some of the older forms of administering natural fats should not be lost sight of. Among natural fats, butter cannot take first place in nutritive value and when combined with a suitable soluble carbohydrate, a most valuable food is produced.

The BUTTER SCOTCH which Messrs. Collard & Bowes (Duke's Head, Buxton Road, C. I.) are manufacturing for the public is an article which has the great advantage of being palatable, so palatable in fact that children are more likely to need restraining from excess than any young person taking it. The BUTTER SCOTCH is stated to contain 11.7 per cent of fat and 70.5 per cent of sugar, and the results of an analysis which has been made, according to the subcommittee, confirm these figures; further chemical examination of the fat extracted showed it to be genuine butter. This confection can therefore be recommended not only as a harmless sweetment, but also as a very useful addition to the diet in suitable cases.

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It has been calculated by an officer that the weight of bullets required to kill a man in war is about 168 pounds, more than the weight of the average man himself. This is owing to the fact that troops waste tons of lead in endeavoring to shell each other out of underground shelters.

The picture shows a coming British tar, only three years old as yet, paying his compliments to the Prime Minister of South Africa in Cape Town.

**ALLIED GOVERNMENTS
EQUALLY TO BLAME**

Italian Minister Says Situation In Montenegro Result of Poor Programme

Padua, Italy, Jan. 17.—Signor Barzilai, cabinet minister without portfolio, in an address here yesterday, speaking apparently for the government, declared that it was useless to attribute to Italy responsibility for the taking of Mount Lovchen by the Austrians and the situation in Montenegro. As in the case of the loss of Serbia, he said, the blame was collective and the result of the allies' ineffective programme.

"Our enemies," the minister says, "find salvation in silent servile obedience imposed by one man. We should have foreseen this work because of the uncertainties inherent in a league of free peoples."

"There is no ground for the charge that Italy is responsible for the errors of last June. To prepare for the protection of a country without frontiers before hostilities were pressed was the common task. In the future this order of argument will not be profitable and the governments making use of it to excuse failures will not merit nor receive pardon from their peoples."

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Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The following casualties have been announced:

First Battalion—Died Jan. 5: Pte. Geo. Norman Drake, Montrose, Ont. (formerly 36th).

Third Battalion—Suffering from shock: Sgt. Frederick E. Slater, Belleville, Ont.

Killed in action, Dec. 29: Pte. Edward Edey, England.

Third Battalion—Unofficially reported died while prisoner of war: Pte. Chas. P. Holyoke, England (no particulars given as to place or date or circumstances of death).

Fourth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. J. M. Hazelhurst, England (formerly 43rd).

Slightly wounded: Pte. Roger Alfred Benton, Innisfil, Alta. (formerly 51st).

Fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. F. Wm. Boyer, Tacoma, Wash.

Pte. John Henry Baugh, England.

Seventh Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Jos. Glover, 2nd R. D., England (formerly 47th); Pte. Geo. V. Amiel, Vancouver (formerly 47th); Pte. Jos. Duncombe, Vancouver (formerly 47th).

Eighth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. S. Jameson, Sunderland, Eng. (formerly 11th).

Seriously ill: Pte. A. Smyth, Sherbrooke, Que.

Tenth Battalion—Killed in action, Dec. 30: Pte. W. S. Garbutt, Vancouver (formerly 6th).

Twelfth Battalion—Accidentally killed on railway, Jan. 14: Pte. James Watson, Scotland (formerly 41st).

Fourteenth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Damase Arsenault, Eel River, N. B. (formerly 5th).

Sixteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. A. John Ferguson, Moose Jaw, Sask.

Severely wounded: Pte. N. B. Francis, England (formerly mechanical transport); Pte. Wm. H. Meredith, England (formerly 43rd).

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. V. Macleod, Fredericton, N. B.

Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. G. Dugay, Campbellton, N. B.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. F. Wm. Shaw, Montreal; Pte. John Macleod, Scotland.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Lance-Corp. Bert Mathewson, Woods Harbor, N. S.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Wm. Harton Golden, St. John, N. B.

Died of wounds, Jan. 7: Pte. L. G. Seeley, St. John, N. B.

Thirty-first Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. Oliver Beach, England.

Wounded: Pte. J. Munro, McAlpine, Scotland; Corp. Walter Jenkins, England; Pts. C. C. Warden, J. Harvey, P. Smith, England.

Second Divisional Ammunition Column—Died: Bomb. John Henry Osborn, England (formerly 22nd).

Royal Canadian Regiment—Accidentally killed by bursting of hand grenade, Jan. 5: Pte. H. Milson, Scotland.

Second Divisional Signal Corps: Died of wounds, Jan. 7: Sapper Frederick Wm. Naylor, England.

Cavalry Depot—Seriously ill: Pte. Robert Hearst, Toronto (formerly 4th C. M. R.).

Royal Canadian Horse Artillery—Previously reported seriously ill; now well and with unit: Driver Thos. Wm. Dawson, Montreal.

Third Field Company Canadian Engineers—Wounded: Sapper Arthur Bird, Westboro, Ont.

LANSING ASKS EXPERTS
TO LEND ASSISTANCE

Washington, Jan. 17.—Announcement is made that Secretary Lansing has taken steps to obtain the views of experts in international law on the rights of neutral nations for his guidance in handling the problems of the United States. The secretary of state has asked the American Institute of International Law, composed of eminent publicists of each of the 20 American republics, to appoint a committee to study the subject "with the definite purpose of protecting the liberty of neutrals from unjustifiable restrictions," and "endless burdens."

ONE-THIRD OF BERGEN
DESTROYED BY FIRE

Christiania, Jan. 17.—One-third of the city of Bergen, a Norwegian port on the North Sea, with a population of 30,000, was destroyed by fire of Saturday night.

Two lives were lost and 1,000 persons are homeless.

The property damage is estimated at \$15,000,000.

The picture shows a coming British tar, only three years old as yet, paying his compliments to the Prime Minister of South Africa in Cape Town.

**PEOPLE WILL NOT
SWALLOW BAIT AGAIN**

Pretences of Bowser Govt. Pierced, Says J. W. deB. Farris in Vancouver

Vancouver, Jan. 17.—Terrible in the extreme have been the working conditions and the treatment of the coal miners on Vancouver Island and elsewhere in the provinces and the responsibility is wholly on the government, according to a scathing address delivered last night by J. W. deB. Farris before the People's Forum at the labor temple.

In connection with his duties for the labor organization, Mr. Farris said, he had been engaged on Vancouver Island, and he had seen some things as they exist on that island. As a result of his experiences in a professional capacity, he believed he had a message to deliver. His remarks were in connection with the attitude of the government toward the miners. He made his charge, brought out the facts and then summed up the evidence.

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Constantinople, Jan. 17.—An official statement given out last night declared the Turks had repulsed fresh attacks in the renewed Russian offensive on the Caucasus front. The statement said:

On the Caucasus front, the enemy repeated his fierce attacks in the sector to the south of the Aras river as far as the Kardach mountains. All attacks were successfully repulsed, the Russians suffering terrible losses.

Dardanelles front: A hostile ship on Friday unsuccessfully shelled Seddul Bahar. Our seaplane dropped bombs on ships of the enemy off Mudros, island of Lemnos.

The value of the booty captured by the Turkish forces now amounts to at least \$2,000,000.

**CANADIAN FORCES
NOT IN BIG ACTION**

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes received a cable from London stating that the losses of the Canadian corps on Jan. 13 were 7 killed and 15 wounded, and on the following day 4 killed and 13 wounded. The alarming messages received on Saturday, stating that the Canadians had taken part in a violent action and had suffered heavy losses, apparently were based on the casualty lists for the month, which by mistake were taken for the list for one day.

A cable from General Carson to Sir Sam Hughes said there was no truth in the dispatches telling of the Canadians having been in a big fight and having suffered heavy casualties.

BULGARIAN TROOPS HAVE
NOT SUFFICIENT FOOD

Paris, Jan. 17.—The Bulgarian troops at Gievget and Dolair are suffering greatly from lack of food, according to information published by the newspaper Patria, of Athens, and forwarded by the Havas correspondent. As the road from the Demir-Kapou is destroyed, the Bulgarians are obliged to transport provisions from Veles to Gievget by mule or on foot.

A squadron of French aeroplanes, according to the same correspondent, bombarded the Bulgarian camp at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, causing several fires.

Mr. Carroll was one of the kind of men who ask obvious questions. The other morning he was walking past the house of an acquaintance, and stopped in astonishment. In front of the house were two large moving vans. The lawn was strewn with furniture of various sorts, pictures, etc. Mr. Gregory, the owner, grimy, weary, and ill-tempered, was directing proceedings in his shirt-sleeves. "Hallo, Gregory!" cried Mr. Carroll. "Are you moving?" "Not at all," snapped Mr. Gregory. "not at all. I'm just taking my furniture out for a ride!"

BATHING PARADE ON A TROOPSHIP

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STALEMATE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

Not a few observers, especially in neutral countries, predict that the war will end in a stalemate on land. They point out, however, that on sea the allies have won a victory which becomes more decisive every day. If they reflected for a few minutes they would realize that the two conditions are hopelessly irreconcilable. There can be no deadlock on land if the allies remain supreme on sea. There is only one war and one great war theatre, in which the sea force is simply an extension of the land force. Obviously the side in this struggle which can hold its own on land for the present and maintain absolute mastery on sea is in an immeasurably better position than the side which can do no more than hold its own with its army in the decisive zones but has been driven from the sea. If there were no intimate relation between the two elements it would be more difficult to estimate the situation, but as it is predictions of an indefinite continuation of existing conditions on land are nonsensical.

There can be no permanent deadlock in the case of a nation or alliance of nations in a state of siege any more than in the case of a beleaguered city with a weakening garrison surrounded by a hostile army that is constantly becoming stronger. Sooner or later, unless some outside help strong enough to raise the siege comes, the place must capitulate. In either case there can be no stalemate. All sieges, if persisted in, must end in a complete victory for the besiegers. The central empires are absolutely and hopelessly besieged. This could not have happened if the operations were confined to land only or if they were supreme at sea. If they had superior sea power they would be the besiegers instead of the besieged, and it would be the allies who would have to succumb. How, then, with the vital interrelation between military activities on land and sea can this war end in anything but complete victory for the besieging side?

For a war with armies only, Germany and Austria are admirably situated. Alongside of one another, they hold interior positions and are under one supreme command. In the beginning of the war they could concentrate their whole strength at any given point with the utmost facility. They improved their natural advantages by establishing a network of railways and convenient mobilization and supply bases which they thought would enable them to deal France a staggering blow while Austria held slowly-mobilizing Russia, and then divert the bulk of their strength to the eastern front and with their ally help strike their ponderous enemy to his knees. This plan, plus German supremacy at sea, would have succeeded, for France would have been assailed from two directions instead of from one. It failed because Great Britain intervened in the war and confined the German onslaught to an attack by land only. It was Germany's only chance of victory; failure involved her in a siege which cannot now be raised and to which, therefore, there can be but one end. Thus Germany's geographical situation which was a great natural advantage in a short war on land has become a source of fatal weakness in a prolonged struggle with an enemy supreme on the sea and whose military power remains intact.

In a siege the proportionate losses of the besieged always must be greater than those of the besiegers. To hold the positions they must make sorties, and every attack by them reduces their number of fighting men. Thus the Austrians made numerous sorties beyond their lines at Przemysl; the Belgians made frequent incursions out of the Antwerp defences. The central empires on a larger scale made a costly sortie on

the east and are making another on the south. Before long they will have to deliver a third attack in the west. They must do this to try to break the siege at best and at worst to disarrange the plans of their enemy for a simultaneous attack against them from all sides. But all the time the defending lines are growing thinner while the besieging nations, with superior resources in men and with the seas and the productive and financial wealth of the world open to them, are becoming stronger.

The Teutonic lines are now far-flung beyond the outer boundaries of their fortress. They have exhausted their reserves and some day along that two thousand mile front there will be a breach and the entire line must retreat under great difficulties or it will be rolled up. Nobody knows this better than the German government, whose desperate attempts to negotiate separate peace treaties, to beguile the enemy into opening his ranks on one side or the other, meanwhile assuring the German people that they are "victorious" tell their own story. Back of it all are the gaunt spectres of misery and destitution and serious internal dissensions which are familiar factors in all sieges. These conditions also must react upon the army when it learns of them, weakening its morale and making it indifferent towards the future. Could Germany snatch the command of the sea the pressure would be raised at once and impending defeat would be changed into absolute decisive victory. How, then, with the allies in command of the sea can there be a stalemate in any aspect of the war?

THE GRAND DUKE STRIKES.

Important developments have begun in the Caucasus. Berlin reports a Russian offensive on a front of a hundred miles and adds that the Turks after holding back the enemy for six months have retired from their advanced positions. As a matter of fact the Russians have made no serious attempt to advance at any other time during the last half year. Evidently they have been preparing for the campaign which, if Teutonic and Turkish reports are correct, is now being opened.

From the time the Grand Duke Nicholas was transferred to the Caucasus it has been evident that very important operations would be initiated there. Undoubtedly he has been organizing a large army with ample resources with the object of forcing Turkey's rear door. This is a most important campaign which, with the British advance up the Tigris and the Russian movement in Persia, gives an outline of the programme the allies seem to have mapped out for the southeastern theatre. It apparently is the intention finally to link these three campaigns together in a final common advance into the heart of Asia Minor.

WHAT IS THE REASON?

According to the Portland Oregonian, lumber mills on the Columbia River and on Puget Sound are bidding on an order for 200,000,000 feet for the French government. The arrangement made by France with the San Francisco brokers provides that the lumber be delivered f. o. b. at the mills, the French authorities to furnish transportation.

The business will amount to \$2,500,000. This is the second order within three months from the allied governments, the first being placed with the Southern Pine Manufacturers. The Oregonian adds that the allied countries have a number of vessels in reserve that can be used in delivering orders of this kind in time of emergency.

Last October the Portland Lumberman gave the names and sailing dates of vessels chartered by the British admiralty to carry lumber from the Pacific coast states. The ships mentioned were the Corfu, Prophet, Rio Pirahy, Riverdale and Strathbeg. They sailed at various dates between September 18 and October 4. Others no doubt have left since that time.

If the British and French governments can furnish tonnage for carrying lumber from the Pacific Coast states to Europe, why cannot they furnish transportation from British Columbia mills? Either there is some arrangement between London and San Francisco brokers which discriminates against British Columbia lumber manufacturers or the American mills are quoting prices that are regarded by the purchasers as more satisfactory. In any case it is the business of the Canadian representatives in London to ascertain the trouble. If London brokers are in league with San Francisco brokers to the detriment of British Columbia mills the provincial government should enter a complaint with the authorities in London and France. Some months ago we were told to the extent of many columns that Sir Richard McBride had negotiated "most successfully" with the allied governments in this respect. The orders, however, continue to go to the American mills, the buyers providing the transportation. There must be more than insufficiency of tonnage behind our failure to get a share of this business.

What is it?

THE USUAL BLASPHEMY.

The capture of Mount Lovchen from the Montenegrins by the Austro-German army is attributed by Wilhelm of Germany, Francis Joseph of Austria and Frederick August of Saxony to the valor of the Teutonic armies plus the assistance of their Divine ally. The messages which passed between this precious trio culminated in the usual symphony of blasphemy. Wilhelm's message was not so absolute in tone as the others. He would not go farther than the opinion that "God obviously has helped." No messages from Ferdinand of Bulgaria or Enver Pasha were published, but the testimony of two such competent authorities that Providence was heart and soul with the modern holy alliance certainly will be forthcoming and no doubt published.

It is altogether in accord with the fitness of things that the assassin of a million Armenians and the murderer of Stambuloff should agree with the butchers of Belgium, Serbia, the Lusitania, Persia, Ancone, Scarborough and Edith Cavell that God aided them in their campaign to crush the life out of little Montenegro.

May we inquire how much longer Messrs. Flumerfelt, Tindall and Campbell are going to retain their cabinet positions without ascertaining if the public are satisfied to have them there? It is now a month since they were sworn in and it was anticipated that writs for bye-elections would be issued without delay. No word or sign as to Mr. Bowser's intentions has come from Kamloops. Evidently he has not made up his mind whether it would be safer to have a general election at once or a bye-election. The Liberals are ready for either course and the longer the Premier hesitates the greater becomes their confidence that they can defeat the three new ministers. A government supporter makes the stupid suggestion that the opposition fear bye-elections. If Mr. Bowser thought that, writs would have been issued long ago. He can easily satisfy himself on the point by taking the plunge.

Germany again is complaining bitterly of the illegal and inhumane attempt of Great Britain to starve her civilian population. She prefers her own particular methods of slaughtering as many non-combatants as she can, inflicting unnamable outrages upon the remainder, robbing and looting from them and then leaving them to die of hunger and privation. Then the Kaiser and his illustrious allies survey their works and fervently exclaim, "Verily, God is with us!"

Hudson Maxim, an American inventor, says the United States should prepare itself for trouble with either Great Britain or Germany after the war. Certainly, if Germany won this struggle the United States would soon have a pretty fight on its hands. As for Great Britain, a clash between her and the republic is about as likely as a collision between Halley's comet and the earth.

We have an amendment to offer to our recent statement that children and dogs thoroughly enjoyed the week or so of winter which is nearing its end. The fuel men also experienced a brief period of enjoyment. It is a long time since their resources were so thoroughly taxed.

On the outcome of Lord Derby's campaign it was declared in advance that it would end the issue of compulsory service. A shortage of recruits is no longer the critical question. The principle of volunteer enlistments has been justified by Great Britain's experience. But Premier Asquith pledged the government to draw on the unmarried men, physically fit, before calling to the colors the married men. If recourse is had to a modified form of conscription, it will be to force into the national service the young men who have held back while over 1,600,000 married men offered themselves.

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As the world's heart of rest and wrath, Its painful pulse is in the sands. Last utterly, the whole sky stands, Gray and not known, along its path. —D. Rossetti.

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"Kitchener's army" probably exceeded 3,600,000 men when Lord Derby started his campaign for recruits the last week in October. Since then Great Britain has added 2,300,000 volunteers to the number of its enrolled forces. With nearly 6,000,000 men, at the front, in training or subject to call, it has an army larger than it is able to equip on short order and evidently beyond the capacity of its generals to handle in the field.

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Occupants of Stores.—The three stores burnt down at Saanich in the fire of Friday night were occupied by Ware Bros., J. Fear and Mr. Young respectively, and not by J. P. Adams as previously stated. Mr. Adams is the owner of all the properties.

Acknowledgments Contributions.—The committee of management of the W.C.T.U. home, Ida street, acknowledge with thanks the gifts made to the home during the Christmas season, by the following: City council, Hon. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Mundie, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Frank Grant, A. Friend, Mrs. Pendray, Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Mrs. Horner, Bella Coola union, Silverton union, and Creston union. The committee also wishes to thank the kind lady who provided the bountiful supply of good things for the Christmas dinner which was greatly enjoyed by the inmates of the home.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

F. L. Randel, of Nanaimo, is at the Dominion hotel.

James Bennett, of Winnipeg, is at the Dominion hotel.

John Rogers, of Spokane, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

J. N. Henderson, of Kinley, Sask., is at the Dominion hotel.

J. F. Miller Cranks, of Westholme, is registered at the Strathcona.

Dr. Wm. Redmond, of Vancouver, is staying at the Strathcona.

C. J. McDonald, Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Lieut. S. B. Barnes, from Fernie, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

H. C. Merritt, of St. John, N. B., is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Henderson, of Cranfield, Man., is staying at the Dominion hotel.

John H. Boyle, of Regina, Sask., is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

H. J. Redalf, of Helena, Mont., arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Basil S. Courtney, of Toronto, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Sydney Kerr, of Gull Lake, Sask., is staying at the Empress hotel.

J. Pollard and Mrs. Pollard, of Clinton, B. C., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

E. P. Dale and Mrs. Dale, of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

J. P. Bell and Mrs. Bell, of Edmonton, are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bredt, of Calgary, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Geo. W. Milliken and Mrs. Milliken, of Sinden, Man., are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. A. Henry and Mrs. R. Spencer, of Vancouver, are registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. W. O. Wright and children, of Regina, Sask., are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haste, of Vancouver, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

J. Birch, Mrs. Birch and Robert Kingston are visitors from Regina who registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Arrivals from Montreal at the Strathcona are: Harry Lester, Sid Sopers, E. Fortune, F. Watts, James Raymond and E. Wallace.

Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe, who has been incumbent of St. Thomas church, Chilliwack, for the past six years, has announced to his congregation his intention of resigning at Easter.

A party from Hamiota, Man., is registering at the Dominion hotel comprising James Park and Mrs. Park, Geo. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson, and Mrs. Coulbeck.

At St. Augustine's church, Eburne, Rev. W. H. E. Battershill, on Wednesday evening, January 5, united in marriage Miss Margaret Marsden, of Eburne, and Mr. Wm. McKinnon Ivel, of Victoria. Owing to the recent death of the bride's brother, the wedding was quietly celebrated.

H. I. Malleck, of the Ladies' Sample Suit House, is now on his way to Montreal, New York, Chicago and other big eastern cities for the purpose of buying his new spring goods. Mr. Malleck purchases nothing but sample garments that are upto-to-the-minute in style. He will bring back the very latest New York creations. Patrons of the Ladies' Sample Suit House can rest assured they will see something worth while in the way of ladies' ready-to-wear. It will pay ladies to wait until Mr. Malleck returns before buying their spring goods. The premises now occupied by this firm are going under considerable renovation, and hope to be able to show you on completion of alterations one of the most comfortable and up-to-date stores in British Columbia.

CANADIAN GIRL GUIDES.

No. 1 (Camosun) company will drill at St. John's school on Tuesday evenings, with No. 2 (Lady Douglas) company till further notice.

No. 2 (Lady Douglas) company, Capt. H. Leighton. Drill at St. John's Sunday school on Tuesday evening at 7 p. m.

No. 4 (Gonzales) company, Capt. E. Roberts. There will be no drill of this company this week.

No. 5 company, drill at Oaklands school on Monday evening at 7 p. m.

H. LEIGHTON, Guide Mistress.

Victoria, B. C.

It is curious to note the old sea-margins of human thought. Each succeeding century reveals some new mystery; we build where monsters used to hide themselves. —Longfellow.

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MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

City School Board Will Hold First Session on Wednesday; Selection of Chairman.

The first meeting of the city school board will be held on Wednesday evening, when a chairman will be named. It is not expected that there will be any change made. The committee will then be appointed, the chairmanship of one of the principal ones of buildings and grounds, being vacant.

Some arrangement will be necessary with regard to the grounds at Margaret Jenkins school, as from its location difficulty has arisen in getting rid of the surplus water. The question of improving the grounds at Victoria West school also will be before the board at an early date.

The estimates have to be ready for submission to the city council by Friday 1, and probably some attempt to prorogue them will be made as a result of the recent expression of opinion by the ratepayers.

SEARCHING FOR GOLD

Bank of Montreal Advised That Some of New Westminster Loot is Still Hidden.

That \$20,000 in gold and \$25,000 in bank bills, both representing part of the loot taken from the Bank of Montreal vaults in the famous robbery at New Westminster in the spring of 1911, when \$271,000 was stolen, lies buried within ten miles of Vancouver, is the information which has reached the officials of the bank. Acting on instructions, the district in which the hidden treasure is said to lie is being thoroughly gone over by Vancouver police parties.

The place where the booty is said to be buried is on the route of flight taken by the robbers after the "job" was pulled off. The story of how it was learned that it was hidden there will be disclosed when further developments, which will be of an interesting and sensational character, if they materialize, have taken place.

For the present the inside history of the council will begin till next week, as almost all the roads in the peninsula are under a blanket of snow, and thus road work is impossible. The energies of the engineering department

DEATH RATE KEEPS LOW IN VICTORIA

In Spite of Indigency Figures Show Only 7.86 Per Thousand of Population

The death rate for the city of Victoria for the year 1915 will be reported, when the annual report of the city health officer is tabled shortly, as 7.86 per thousand, as against 6.673 per thousand in 1914.

Dr. G. A. B. Hall, the city health officer, says this figure is an exceptionally low one considering the financial conditions generally, because with poverty disease always has an easier mark for its victims. The passage through Victoria of a large number of people from the international exposition at San Francisco was also feared as a possible cause of infection, but no prejudicial results followed.

The figures this year are based on a population of 50,000, those of last year were figured on a population basis of 55,000. In 1913 the death rate was 7.23 per thousand, on a basis of 60,000 population.

The best feature of this year has been the freedom from zymotic diseases. Only about twenty city cases have been treated at the Isolation hospital, a few others coming from the surrounding country and neighboring municipalities. The cost of operating the institution continues to show that decrease in expenditure which Dr. Hall has striven to secure for a considerable time.

The figures of the cases at the Royal Jubilee hospital have not yet been completed, but they will show that watchful care has been exercised in keeping the number of days of stay down to the least possible figure. There continue to be chronic cases in the hospital which ought to be treated elsewhere, but which the city finds is cheaper to maintain in the central institution. Last year the cost was about \$1,000 a month for these indigent cases.

With regard to the milk inspection difficulty, owing to the government officials not issuing certificates of freedom from contagious diseases of the cows supplying milk for city consumption, the medical health officer will suggest the inspection shall be continued by the city officials. Whatever happens, the licensing system for dairies gives, in his opinion, a control over milk supply which is of the greatest value.

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The members of the Saanich council were sworn in this afternoon before Andrew Strachan, J. P., and then settled down to the first statutory meeting of the year.

At the time of going to press it was not clear what arrangements would be made with regard to the chairmanships of the standing committees, which were to be appointed at the meeting, but it was the intention of the reeve to offer the works committee chairmanship to Councillor Borden, the senior member of the council. The chairmanship of the finance committee the reeve hoped would be accepted by Councillor Grant. Councillor Tanner would have been offered the appointment, but owing to the distance he lives from the city and the necessity of holding emergent meetings in town occasionally, it is practically impossible for him to take the office. The minor committees were distributed among the other members of the council according to seniority of service and experience.

It is improbable the regular meetings of the council will begin till next week, as almost all the roads in the peninsula are under a blanket of snow, and thus road work is impossible. The energies of the engineering department

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

The undermentioned to be temporary Lieutenant-colonels:

Major J. Perry, Corps Reserve, 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars, whilst attached to the 30th Regiment (British Columbia Horse), December 4, 1915.

Captain A. W. McLellan, 11th Field (Irish Fusiliers) Canada, whilst commanding the 21st (Overseas) Battalion, C. E. F., December 7, 1915.

Captain J. E. Ward, Canadian Engineers, whilst performing the duties of officer commanding company, No. 6 Field Co., North Vancouver, is granted the rank of temporary major, December 7, 1915.

Lieut. P. Ward, 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, is granted the temporary rank of captain, December 7, 1915.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

The undermentioned provisionally appointed officers, having qualified themselves for their appointments, are confirmed in their rank from the dates set opposite their respective names:

Lieut. (supernumerary) S. D. Armour, 2nd Regiment, January 30, 1914.

Lieut. (supernumerary) R. S. Smith, 10th Regiment, June 1, 1915.

TYRANNY may last through ages where discussion is suppressed. Discussion may safely be left free by rulers who act on popular principle.—Macaulay.

PROMOTED IN RANK

Lieut. T. B. Monk, now a Major in 121st Battalion, C.E.F., New Westminster

QUALIFYING FOR THE ADVANCED RANK

after passing in the examinations at the end of a field officer's course recently, Lieut. T. B. Monk has been promoted to major. For a number of years very closely identified with the 5th Regiment, C.E.F., he was also well known in Victoria as a member of the firm of Messrs. Monk & Monteith. He has been attached to the 121st Battalion, C.E.F., now quartered at New Westminster, and it is expected that he will be placed second in command of that unit.

He that does good to another man does also good to himself not only in consequence, but in every act of doing it, for the conscience of well doing is ample reward.—Seneca.

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AT THE THEATRES

PANTAGES NEW BILL.

Pantages new programme for the week opening with this afternoon's matinee is one that should please even the most critical among the votaries of variety. There is a little of everything from musical comedy to tabloid problem plays and acrobatics on the bill and all of it high class. Heading the list of new acts will be one of those merry tabloid musical comedies that always seem to please and makes a fine feature act to close a good show. "In Mexico" is the title of the offering that will have the place of honor on the bill. It will serve to introduce two old Pollard Opera company favorites, Ald. Goulding and Leslie Donaghue.

There are eight young and shapely girls in the chorus and Goulding's skill as stage director is shown in the striking costumes and pretty scenic effects in this merry skit. Another feature that will particularly appeal to lovers of the legitimate drama will be an unusually strong dramatic sketch, entitled "After Ten Years." It will be presented by Hugo B. Koch and company of three. It is a social problem play of the tense, gripping, heart-interest kind that holds the attention

DOMINION THEATRE.

"The Prince and the Pauper," the foremost work of America's greatest humorist, Mark Twain, has at last been given to posterity in living form, through the superb five-part photoplay-adaptation of that celebrated work produced by the Famous Players Film company, starring Marguerite Clark in the dual-title role. This extraordinary film attraction will be the Paramount picture at Dominion theatre beginning to-day.

The acquisition to the screen of this far-famed and universally loved contribution to American literature and

comes from rise to fall of the curtain. Mr. Koch and his supporting artists give a particularly artistic presentation of the playlet, despite the exacting characters required. The principals were formerly character impersonators with a large road show.

O'Neal and Walmsley, a duo of singing and talking comedians, will offer a bunch of nifty nonsense inter-

spersed with some of the very latest song hits. Pretty Peggy Bremen, a shapely young woman, and her brother, will present a daring ladder act that is said to comprise about the acme of the equilibrist's art.

Dorothy Vaughan, a sweet singer, will add vocal melody to the programme.

BIRTH OF A NATION

It is needless to say that the screen version of "The Prince and the Pauper" transcends the original tale in interest and fascination. Faithfully preserving the delicious satirical spirit and the beautiful sentiments of Mark Twain's delightful story, it has also added a wealth of color and action, of picturesque scenery and costumes, that enhance to an enormous degree the bewitching story of the weary little Prince who longed to be a beggar for a day, and of the beggar who yearned to be Prince, both of whom suddenly find their hearts' desires gratified in a totally unexpected and intensely dramatic manner.

In the dual role of the "Prince and the Pauper," Marguerite Clark performs the most artistic work of her entire stage or screen career, and renders an interpretation of the characters containing at once so much poetry and power, so much force and beauty, that it will inevitably rank with the

For many years American dramatists wrote plays of particular States, cities or localities, ranging from "Alabama" to "The Henrietta" and from "Way Down East" to "The Great Divide." But no one man seemed to grasp the whole spirit and genius of America until David Wark Griffith picked a suggestion for his theme out of Dixon's "The Leopard's Spots" and "The Clansman," and started to develop it.

A remarkable thing about Mr. Griffith's plan is that words (except for leaders and titles), did not enter into it.

Perhaps words had cramped rather than aided previous fictionists and dramatists.

At any rate he replaced speech by music, and the old-fashioned stage action and scenery by the pictorialized action of thousands of players in the great out-of-doors.

In brief he staged the great battles,

struggles and critical events of 1861-70, under natural conditions as nearly as possible similar to the original.

The result of Mr. Griffith's efforts is a new and stupendous art for which no adequate name has yet been found. "The Birth of a Nation" combines spectacle, romance, domestic drama, comedy, tragedy, music and mechanical effects into a harmonious ensemble that captivates equally the eye and the ear. In presentation lasting two hours and 45 minutes, it epitomizes the life of a nation. This is something the old art could never do. The obsolete so-called "stage unities are thrown to the winds and Griffith carries the magnificent story from the introduction of African slavery right down through Civil War and reconstruction days to the final real union of South and North in the bonds of love and peace.

Among the distinguished actors in the cast are Henry B. Walthall, Lillian Gish, Mae Marsh, Miriam Cooper, Mary Alden, Josephine Crowell, Ralph Lewis, Joseph Henabery, Raoul Weil, Donald Crisp, Howard Gay, George Seigman, Walter Long, Elmer Clifton and Robert Harron. Eighteen thousand people, 3,000 horses and no less than 5,600 scenes went to the making of the big spectacle.

"Ah, Mrs. Flaherty, but ye look sad this mornin'!" "Faith 'an' why shouldn't I look sad whin me Dennis has been dropped from th' force?" "Ye don't say! And what fur?" "Well, ye see it was this way. There was a sign on a buildin' what read 'No trespassing; police take notice.' An' me poor Dennis took it!"

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NOTE—In order to properly accommodate the large crowds who will see "Graft," and especially people who can only attend the theatre during the supper hour, the management have decided to give a continuous performance from 1.30 to 11 p.m. on the days on which "Graft" will be shown.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 17—5 a.m.—An ocean storm area now centred off California is causing northerly and easterly gales extending to Vancouver Island. The temperature is moderating along the coast, while in Kootenay it is still below zero. In the prairie provinces the temperature has risen to zero or over, while in the southern states it is very cold.

Forecasts.

For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday, Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds of gales, mostly northerly and easterly, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland—Northerly and easterly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, minimum yesterday, 30; wind, 20 miles N.E.; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 21; wind, 4 miles S.E.; weather, clear.

Entrance—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, minimum yesterday, 30; wind, 8 miles W.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.83; temperature, maximum yesterday, 2 below; minimum, 16 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 6; minimum, 2 below.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.39; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 24; wind, 16 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.19; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 22; wind, 14 miles N.E.; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 4; wind, 6 miles N.E.; rain, .36; weather, rain.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., Saturday:

Temperature.

Highest 23
Lowest 18
Average 21

Minimum on grass 15

Maximum in sun 31

Bright sunshine, 7 hours 48 minutes.

General state of weather, fine.

Observations taken 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., Sunday:

Temperature.

Highest 23
Lowest 24
Average 21

Minimum on grass 17

Maximum in sun 30

Bright sunshine, 8 hours.

General state of weather, fine.

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A POPULAR DIPLOMAT.

Jean Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States who recently unveiled an equestrian statue of Joan d'Arc in New York, is one of the most popular and efficient ambassadors stationed at Washington. He was born at Lyons, France, in 1855, and educated in his native city and in Paris. He entered the foreign office as a young man of 21 and has had a lengthy diplomatic experience in various European capitals. In addition to his fame as a diplomat he is almost equally well-known as a writer. Undoubtedly much of his success in Washington is due to the fact that his wife is an American, although his unfailing good humor is also a factor in contributing to his popularity. A day or two after war broke out a Washington organ grinder stationed his instrument under the ambassador's window, and played the "Marseillaise," doubtless in the expectation of securing an extra large tip. He not only secured the expected tip, but an extra one as well with the request that he go and play the same air under the window of Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART**DEEP SEA ARRIVALS**

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Canada Maru...	Sarega	2,600	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 16
Crown of Seville...		2,600	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Jan. 16
Tokohama Maru...	Tozawa	4,200	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 21
Tacoma Maru...	Hamada	3,800	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 20
Makura...	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 10
Empress of Japan F. L. Davison	2,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Feb. 23	
Niagara...	Rolls	7,500	C. P. R.	Sydney	March 10
Empress of Russia W. Davison	9,932	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 9	

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Tacoma Maru...	Hamada	3,800	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 25
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COASTWISE SERVICES

From Comox					
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 2:30 p. m. and steamer Princess Mary daily at 11:45 p. m.					
From Vancouver					
Steamer Princess Adelaida arrives daily at 3 p. m. and steamer Princess Alice at 6:30 a. m.					
For Seattle					
Steamer Princess Adelaida leaves daily at 4:30 p. m.					
From Seattle					
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.					
For Port Angeles					
Steamer Sol Duo leaves daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m.					
From Port Angeles					
Steamer Sol Duo arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.					
For San Francisco					
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Friday at 8 p. m.					
From San Francisco					
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Monday at 1 p. m.					
For Comox					
Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday at 1 p. m.					

**DISABLED SAILER IS
SAFE AT GOLDEN GATE**

Barquentine Retriever Has
Eight Feet of Water in Hold;
Was Nearly Lost

**DEAL FOR SALE OF
GRAY FELL THROUGH**

Steamer is Coming North From
'Frisco to Overhaul Before
Resuming Trade

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—After being buffeted by one gale after another, and with eight feet of water in her hold, which only a steam pump could keep in control, the barquentine Retriever, lumber laden, which went to sea for Melbourne a week ago, put back into port on Saturday. The Retriever will have to go on drydock here for hull repairs before proceeding to sea again.

The steam pump was rigged from the donkey engine and brought the water under control, although she was making five inches an hour. During this time the barquentine had run as far south as Piedras Blancas, and Capt. Ross aimed at making San Pedro for repairs. However, the wind shifted to the southeast and so he came back to San Francisco with it.

The barque R. P. Rithet, of the Mason fleet, put to sea Saturday in tow of a Red Stack tug and is bound for Ma-hukona. She took out a full cargo of merchandise and plantation supplies.

Two New Tankers.

Two oil tankers are to be built for Henry Lund & Co. by the Union Iron Works, each to have a capacity of 90,000 barrels. This information was given out to-day by the firms concerned. The new steamers are to cost \$1,500,000 each.

The steam schooner Arctic left on Saturday for San Jose del Cabo to salvage the wreck of the steamer Fort Bragg.

Twenty-three days from Honolulu, during which she bucked heavy gales but lost only an inner jib, the Standard Oil ship Falls of Clyde made port on Saturday.

Loaded with case oil, the Standard Oil steamer Sequoia steamed for Shanghai Saturday.

Bringing general cargo but no passengers the British steamer Catrina arrived from Mexico on Saturday.

According to available information the deal pending for the sale of the steamer Gray by the Victoria Whaling Company to W. R. Grace & Co., has fallen through. The vessel is expected to leave San Francisco some time this week for Victoria, and upon arrival will be given a thorough overhaul. She will return to her former trade of keeping the whaling stations supplied, and bringing to this port the whale products.

A dispatch from San Francisco some days ago said that the Gray had been sold subject to inspection in drydock. She was hauled out last week and evidently she did not please her prospective buyers. The deal was called off, and the owners of the Gray ordered her to return to Victoria. She is picking up a little cargo in the south for this port.

A report was circulated on the water-front on Saturday that she had been disposed of for \$50,000.

W. P. Boe Overhauled.

As soon as the Gray has discharged her northbound cargo she will go alongside the wharf at Point Ellice and undergo an extensive overhaul, later being hauled out on one of the slips to have her hull scraped and painted. About the middle of March she will be signing a crew and making ready to leave for Naden Harbor and Kyuquot to deliver stores and supplies to the whaling stations there, which will be starting operations in April.

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**SALVORS AT LAST GET
ABOARD KENKON MARU**

Find Bottom Badly Damaged;
Holds Full of Water; Preliminary Work Starts

After many disappointments the salvors have at last been able to get alongside the stranded Japanese freighter Kenkon Maru No. 3. Word received this morning from Mayne Island stated that both the steamers Salvor and Alaskan were carrying on preliminary work in the huge job of getting the ship afloat.

For the first time the salvors stepped up a Jacob's ladder to the Kenkon's deck yesterday afternoon. They found the ship very badly damaged. Almost her entire bottom was buckled, ripped and opened. All holds are full of water, and it is feared that much of her cargo will be damaged. The salvors make no predictions as to when the vessel will be floated.

Seas Played Havoc.

The Kenkon Maru drove hard ashore early last Wednesday morning during a blinding snow-storm. Shortly afterwards the weather cleared, but came on to blow hard from the N. E. When the Salvor arrived off the wreck on Wednesday evening, the sea was so heavy that she could do nothing and ran in to a sheltered anchorage. For three days the steamer was prevented from getting alongside. Each day she made attempts, but the seas were sweeping right over the Kenkon. It was feared that she would have her hull further damaged, and this proved correct.

When she first struck the Kenkon had her forepeak hauled and it filled immediately. No. 1 hold took some water, but following the three days of heavy pounding on the Belle Chain reef the bottom of the ship was so seriously damaged that all the holds, engine-room and stokeholes filled.

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Alaskan Despatched.

To assist the steamer Salvor in floating the Kenkon, the steamer Alaskan, which is kept here by the B. C. Salvage Co., as an auxiliary vessel, was outfitted and despatched for Belle Chain reef on Saturday. Capt. Tommy Thompson, mate of the Salvor, arrived here on Saturday to take command of the Alaskan. Capt. Douglas Robertson left on the vessel and will become mate of the Salvor.

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INTER-COMPANY GAMES IN 103RD BATTALION

Next Game on Schedule is Staff
vs. No. 1 Co; Saturday's
Games Postponed

The 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., now rapidly approaching the 1,000 mark, is very active in sporting circles. The staff and each company has its football, ice hockey and water polo teams, and only the severity of the weather is holding up the inter-company football games. The next match on the schedule is between the staff and No. 1 company, which was to have been played Saturday. The match will be played just as soon as the weather permits at Central Park. In the battalion they have some of the best local talent, and have entered a strong team in the Peden cup games. The teams for the next inter-company game will be as follows: Staff: Goal, Major Drake; backs, O. R. Sergt. Baxter and Sergt. Smith; halves, Machine Gun Sergt. Calvert, Pte. Townsend and Pte. Morris; forwards, Armourer Sergt. Hoy; Lieut. McLagan, Lieut.-Col. Henneker, Capt. Foster and Pte. Holt.

No. 1 company's lineup: Goal, C. Q. M. Sergt. McLean; backs, Lieut. H. M. Ross and Pte. Barber; halves, Lance-Corp. McMillan, Lance-Corp. Crookston, Pte. Bentley; forwards, Pte. Lea, Pte. Berwick, Lance-Corp. Smith, Pte. Unsworth and Lance-Corp. Phillips.

Games Postponed.

Owing to the unfavorable weather conditions prevailing, the Peden cup tie and other soccer fixtures scheduled for Saturday have been postponed one week.

DILLON TO MEET MISKE.

Superior, Wis., Jan. 17.—Local promoters today received signed articles from Jack Dillon, who is matched to meet Billy Miske, of St. Paul, in a ten-round, no-decision bout here January 28. The articles call for 175 pounds at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the fight.

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SPORTING NEWS

NO EASY TASK TO SELECT REFEREE FOR TO-NIGHT'S FIGHT AT WILLOWS

Principals Finished Training
Saturday; First Preliminary
Starts at 8 o'clock Prompt

Picking a referee for the Curson-Moore match is proving no easy task. No headway has been made thus far in the selection of the third man for to-night's battle at the Willows. Any man with sufficient ring knowledge capable of officiating would be acceptable to both principals, but all the referees approached thus far decline to take the job. It is expected that the third man will be selected this afternoon.

Both principals rounded up their training on Saturday afternoon, Curson boxing six rounds with Joe Bayley, and doing light indoor work. He is in the best shape of his career, and expresses his confidence in disposing of Moore. This is his professional debut, though he previously has made several appearances in amateur ranks. He is a great favorite with the local public and is being heavily backed by his sailor admirers.

Corp. Tommy Moore, of the C. M. R., who opposes Curson, is a pocket miniature of Iron Man Joe Grimm. His hide must be of leather, for his ability to absorb punishment is remarkable. A couple of years ago Joe Bayley handed Moore a terrific beating at Nanaimo, but could not knock him out. Later another local lightweight journeyed to the Coal City with the intention of

knocking Moore out. This was Kid Dibble. The pair shook hands, squared off, and like a flash of lightning, Moore's right hand connected with Dibble's jaw and the fight was over. He keeps boring in, and as Curson is a boxer of the same type, this battle should be a whirlwind affair.

Moore rounded up his training Saturday, boxing with Jackie Roberts and Hector McDonald. He is in the best possible condition, and is equally as confident as his sailor opponent of victory.

Preliminaries Good.

The preliminary events between Pte. Guy Martin, of the 8th Battalion, C. E. F., vs. Trooper O'Donnell, of the 11th C. M. R., at 118 pounds, and that between Jackie Roberts, of the 11th C. M. R., and Seaman Tidswell, of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, at 130 pounds, should be whirlwind affairs. This is the first appearance of Roberts and O'Donnell locally, but they come here with good reputations. Martin and Tidswell are very well known here, having boxed in local amateur ranks.

The rival boxers will weigh in this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Willows. The principals of the main event must scale not over 135 pounds. Tickets for the event which have been on sale at the Two Jacks cigar store and the canteens of the various units have been selling rapidly, and a packed house is anticipated. The proceeds will be contributed to the 11th C. M. R. sports fund. During the intervals the 11th C. M. R. brass band will provide all the latest airs. The first preliminary will start at 8 o'clock prompt.

ARISTOCRATS ARE CONFIDENT OF WIN

OVER SEATTLE AGGREGATION TO-MORROW

Team Looks Much Stronger
With Nichol in Centre Ice;
Champions Favorites Over
Rosebuds

Brimming over with confidence the Victoria hockey team embarked on the Seattle boat this afternoon to play against Pete Muldown's aggregation of puck chasers to-morrow night. Victoria and Seattle are tied for the cellar honors in the league race, and the winner of to-morrow's combat will step within striking distance of Vancouver and Portland.

Victoria looks fifty per cent stronger with Sibby Nichol in centre ice. He has added much to the team work and the return to form of Manager Patrick also has added greatly to the local strength.

Dubbie Kerr, who had not shown a great deal all the season, was the star performer on the ice on Friday night, and should swell his scoring average to-morrow. The entire team is going at a terrific pace, and will make it warm for the leaders before the league closes.

The probable lineups of the teams are:

Victoria.....Seattle
McCulloch.....goal.....Holmes
Genge.....point.....Rowe
Patrick.....cover point.....Carpenter

Mallen.....rover.....Foyston
Kerr.....left wing.....Walker
Nichol.....centre.....Wilson
Macdonald.....right wing.....Morris
Riley.....sub.....Rickey
O'Leary.....sub.....

Vancouver has a great chance to cut down the Rosebud's lead in the P. C. H. A. race to-morrow night, when the team opposes Savage's aggregation at the Terminal City. The champions clearly outplayed Portland on the latter's ice last Friday night.

The champions got off with a very poor start losing their first four games. They have now fully recovered from their slump and are favored for the championship.

The teams:

Portland.....Vancouver
Murray.....goal.....Lehman
Johnson.....point.....Patrick
Irving.....cover point.....Griffis
Oatman.....rover.....Taylor
Harris.....left wing.....Cook
Dundee.....centre.....MacKay
Tobin.....right wing.....Uuncan
Barbour.....sub.....Stanley
Ukala.....sub.....Seahorn

Would Trade Poulin

Toronto, Jan. 17.—The Toronto Hockey club have received a cash offer from Ottawa for Skena Ronan, while the Canadians offered to exchange Poulin and Dubeau for the centre player, but Manager Livingston has been much impressed by the form of the veteran in the practices and declined the offer.

knockout in their first meeting, but Wills earned a point decision over the Boston black last week.

Stanley Youkum, the Denver lightweight, and Johnny Dundee will wind up a strenuous week's activity Saturday night when they battle 15 rounds at Denver.

CHAMPIONS DOWN KNOX IN HARD FOUGHT GAME

Last year's Sunday School Basketball league champions, the Fairfields, narrowly escaped defeat Saturday night in their initial appearance this season at the hands of Knox, the final score being 32 to 28 in favor of the champs. Throughout the play was of the see-saw variety, and three minutes from time the score was 28 all, when the Fairfields notched two baskets clinching the game.

The second match, between the Metropolitan Hornets and the Belmont quintette, went to the former via the default route, the Belmont team failing to put in an appearance. The Hornets played an exhibition game with a scrub team and won 30 to 15.

League Standing.

	W.	L.	Pts.
Met. Hornets	1	0	2
Met. All-Blacks	1	0	2
Fairfields	1	0	2
First Presbyterians	1	0	2
Congregationalists	1	0	1
Knox	1	0	1
Belmonts	2	0	2

Next Games on Schedule Wednesday.

Met. All-Blacks vs. Congos.
Fairfields vs. Presbyterians.

PIRATES WANT PLAYERS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 17.—The Pittsburgh Nationals have opened negotiations for some players on the list of the Chicago Nationals and Chicago Federals. Manager J. J. Calaham said he wanted a pitcher, catcher, outfielder and infielder. Until after the transfer of the Chicago Nationals, which is expected to take place later this week, no definite deal will be proposed by Manager J. B. Tinker.

BAN'S HOME RANSACKED.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Burglars Saturday

OFFERED TO TORONTO



SKINNER POULIN

Former Victoria hockey player who jumped to the Canadian N. H. A. team and has failed to make good in that circuit. Manager Kennedy has offered to trade Poulin and another player to Toronto for Skena Ronan.

QUEBEC TIED WITH WANDERERS FOR LEAD

Bulldogs Defeated Torontos and Champions Won From Frenchmen

N. H. A. HOCKEY STANDING.

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wanderers	5	1	27	21	19
Quebec	5	2	33	28	19
Canadians	4	4	26	25	8
Ottawa	3	4	20	17	6
Toronto	1	6	15	20	2

Saturday's Results.

Canadians, 2; Ottawa, 5.

Quebec, 5; Toronto, 3.

Wanderers, a bye.

Next Games.

Wanderers at Quebec. Only one game scheduled.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—Ottawa beat Canadiens at Montreal and Quebec won from Toronto at Quebec in Saturday's N. H. A. games.

This leaves Quebec and Wanderers, who were idle, tied for first place. The game in Montreal was a hard struggle, with Ottawa getting the jump on the Frenchmen and keeping it all the way through. In the first period Ross and Neighbor scored for Ottawa, and Merrill got another 30 seconds from the start of the second period. Pitre and Lalonde then scored for Canadiens and Dorford for Ottawa before the period ended. Gilmour scored the only goal in the third for Ottawa, the final score being 5 to 2 for Ottawa.

Quebec Beats Toronto.

At Quebec, Smith scored first for Quebec, then Denney and Skinner for Toronto. Smith equalized before the first period closed. Malone and Ritchie scored for Quebec in the second period and Denney for Toronto. Marks scored the only goal of the third period for Quebec, leaving the final score 5 to 3 for Quebec.

LONG ISLAND TO GET LARGEST OF 1916 MEETS

New York, Jan. 17.—That Long Island is to get the biggest of the metropolitan district golf tournaments of 1916 became known to-day following the announcement made that at its meeting the executive committee of the Metropolitan Golf association had awarded the metropolitan amateur championship to the Nassau Country club, Glen Cove, L. I. The date set for the tournament is June 7 to 10.

The metropolitan open championship tournament has been assigned to Garden City and will take place July 6 and 7. The Englewood club has been awarded the junior metropolitan championship, and it will be played June 27 and 28.

The Metropolitan Golf association team which won the Lesley cup from teams representing Pennsylvania and Massachusetts last year, will again be headed by F. S. Douglas and strenuous efforts are to be made by the association to defend the trophy this coming summer.

DARCY WINS ANOTHER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 17.—Les Darcy, of Australia, defeated George (Knockout) Brown, American, in a twenty-round boxing contest at Sydney, Australia, Saturday night, according to a cablegram received to-day by Tom Andrews, boxing promoter of Milwaukee. Darcy was given the decision on points.

BAN'S HOME RANSACKED.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Burglars Saturday night ransacked the home of Ban Johnson, president of the American league, while members of his family were dining out, and stole a sable coat and an evening gown, belonging to Mrs. Johnson.

WEEKS WANTED TO ENLIST.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 17.—Billy Weeks, the Canadian middleweight champion, was refused permission to enlist in the Canadian army yesterday because he belonged to the ranks of the married men. The clever boxer is anxious and ready to take up arms for his country, but he has a wife and two children depending upon him for support and will not therefore have the chance to do any fighting in the trenches.

NOT ANXIOUS TO SIGN CHASE.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—H. H. Chase, the first baseman who jumped to the Buffalo Federals from the Chicago American league club, will find no bar raised against him by President Comiskey, who said that Manager C. W. Rowland was free to sign any player from the Federal league whom he could get. Manager Rowland is none too anxious to land Chase. He figures that Hal is a trouble-maker, and that he could do without him.

KILBANE BEAT CONFREY.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, defeated Frankie Confrey of New York in a six-round bout here Saturday night. Kilbane had the better of the entire bout.

Parson (to newly-wedded pair)—"The marriage state imposes various duties. The husband must protect the wife, while the wife must follow the husband whithersoever he goes." Bride—"Yes." She—"And how did you resent it?" He—"I swallowed the insult."

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BEST QUALITY dry fir cordwood, 12 in. blocks, \$5.35; 12 in. split, \$5.70; carrying 12 in. extra. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1912 Broad street, Pemberton Building. Phone 632.

LOST—Gold rimmed eyeglasses, without chain. Leave at Times Office. 319

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WANTED—Woman, for plain sewing, by the day. Phone 655. 317

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DIED

PETRICE—On the 26th last, at her home, Lake Hill—Phyllis Olive Pearce, aged 17 years, born in Winnipeg, Man., a resident of this district for the past eight years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at 1.45 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, Esquimalt, later services to be held at Emmanuel Baptist church, Fernwood road. Rev. Wm. Stevenson will officiate. Interment Ross Bay cemetery.

NUNN—On the 15th inst., at her home, 63 Constance avenue, Mrs. Fanny Nunn, beloved wife of Robert H. Nunn, aged 63 years and two weeks. Born in Ashwell, Herefordshire, Eng- land, and resided in this city since June 5, 1886. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, two sons, William R. E. Nunn, of Victoria; Alfred H. J. Nunn, now serving with the First Canadian Pioneers in England, and two daughters, Mrs. George Smith of Sidney, Anna Traill, and Mrs. Ralph Leaman, of this city.

The funeral will take place Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 10.45 o'clock from the above residence, and fifteen minutes later services will be held at St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, where the Rev. W. B. Bowes will officiate. Interment Ross Bay cemetery.

CAME—At the Royal Jubilee hospital, on the 12th inst., Richard Came, aged 59 years, born in Ontario, a resident of Garden City for the past three years. Former residence, 111 Melville Street, B. C. Came died and leaves to mourn his loss, besides a widow, three sons and three daughters, of this city; four brothers, William H. Came, of Garden City; John Came, of Clarenceon, N. H.; Frederick Came, of Old Town, Maine, and Samuel Came, of Warren, Mass.

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Although her work is relatively un-

J. P. MANN, FORMER CITY SOLICITOR, DIES

Well-Known Legal Man Passes Away; Resident for Sixteen Years

A well known figure in the legal life of Victoria has passed through the death yesterday morning of John Pidley Mann. Mr. Mann has been a patient of St. Joseph's hospital since November 23, the cause of death being weakness of the heart and consequent kidney trouble. For the last month he had been unconscious most of the time, and remained so until death intervened.

The deceased gentleman, who was a native of Devonshire, England, came to Victoria in 1899. He was managing clerk here first to the late J. M. Bradburn, who was then city solicitor. Mr. Bradburn went to Sydney, N. S. W., in 1904, where he has since died.

In 1906 C. Dubois Mason again became city solicitor, the late Mr. Mann assisting him in that capacity, and in 1907 they entered into partnership as Mason & Mann, remaining in that association until the present time. For a number of years they were solicitors to the city of Victoria. It thus happened that at the fire in October, 1910, when the Five Sisters block perished in the general conflagration, a number of civic documents and papers were consumed at Mason & Mann's offices.

The late Mr. Mann was in his 83rd year. He was well known as a regular patron of the drama, and seldom missed a performance in the old Victoria theatre.

A widow and two married daughters living in England, survive. A son, Lewis Mann, came out in 1910, and lived with him for two years, returned to England, and from there went to Sydney, N. S. W.

The funeral will be a quiet one, and will take place from the B. C. Funeral company's chapel on Wednesday at 2 o'clock, Bishop Scriver officiating. It is particularly requested that no flowers should be sent.

PIONEER WAS WORTH ABOUT HALF MILLION

Late George Stevens Was Pos- sessor of Valuable Real Es- tate Here and in Vancouver

When the late George Stevens was found dead in his home on Burnside road last week a search was made for a will by some of his executors, Charles Hayward, P. R. Brown and Henry Mutrie, of Vancouver. No sign was to be found of the document either in the house or in any repository outside.

At the request of the executors the 103rd Battalion is securing a number of excellent recruits up the Island, according to Major Spurgen, who has returned from Nanaimo, leaving Private Owen, who knows the district well, in charge of the office at Nanaimo during his absence.

In the Qualicum Bay district Major Spurgen enlisted fifteen recruits of splendid physique, and these will come down in the course of the next week or so, together with any others whom they may be able to induce to join the colors with them. There are many recruits being obtained in the Parksville and Hilliers districts.

Sergeant John Shrasz, lately of the Nanaimo police force, came down from that city with a number of young fellows who have enlisted there. These are only a few of the recruits being secured there. Three members of the police force have joined the "Timber Wolves," another of these being Constable Alex. Young, who came here in response to a call from the Field Ambulance Corps, has transferred to the B. C. Funeral Chapel, Rev. A. de B. Owen officiating both at the chapel and the graveside. There was a large attendance of friends, many old timers being among those present. The hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Lead, Kindly Light." The following acted as ballbearers: Charles Hayward, H. A. Porter, W. S. Fraser, Harold Brown, H. Mutrie, George Brown.

Recruiting for the 88th Battalion is continuing briskly in Nanaimo, and there is a friendly rivalry between the officers of the two battalions. There is one complete platoon of sixty men secured from there already and the enrollment are well on the way to a second platoon.

MINIATURES SHOWN

Interesting Exhibition of Rapid Chalk and Water-Color Sketches by Mrs. Burrell

More than 250 visitors viewed the little exhibition of rapid chalk and water-color sketches shown at her studio on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Louise Burrell, A.R.M.S., of London, who recently established herself at 100 Campbell block. This industrious artist, who in the last two months has made no less than 146 miniature portraits of the people of Victoria and soldiers, succeeded in making a loan collection of her own work for the one day. Although only a very small proportion of her miniatures made during this period were obtainable, there was a very representative showing, and great interest has been aroused as a consequence.

With subjects ranging in age from infancy to old age, and over a varied field of types, the artist has brought to her task not alone a fine gift for drawing and color re-production. The personality of the model has been caught and very subtly conveyed in the dainty sketches which form her interesting collection. And when the exhibition was viewed in the light of her explanation that the miniatures represented only one-hour and two-hour sittings, the fidelity of her art is the more to be appreciated.

The death occurred yesterday at his residence, No. 2 Irma street, of Alfred Brinkman. The deceased, who had lived here for five years, was 69 years of age, and was an engineer by occupation. He was born in Poplar, London, E. C. His wife and a number of children, all living here, survive. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral parlors, Rev. A. R. Gibson officiating.

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familiar to Victoria art students and portrait lovers. Mrs. Burrell's talent has been long recognized in England. A pupil of Sir Hubert von Herkomer, A.R.M.S., of England, she gained under this master all the honors within the reach of students, and for eleven years was a constant exhibitor in the Royal Academy. She has had distinguished patronage, and among those of whom she has painted miniatures are H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Princess Patricia, the Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince George of Battenberg, R.N.; Sir Frederick Forestier Walker, V.C.; Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson, K.C.B.; Vice-Admiral Farquhar, C.V.O.; Rear-Admiral Hamilton, G.V.O.; Rear-Admiral Pelham, C.V.O.; Lady Borden, the Hon. T. W. White, etc. Mrs. Burrell is herself a sister-in-law of the Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture.

Her work has the delicacy of the old school of miniature painting, but so fine is her perception of values that she is able to bring out in a very small portrait the ruggedness of the soldier's face as easily as the soft curves of a child's. Four particularly clever soldier-portraits shown were of Lt. Col. Forsythe, Capt. Fitzheribald Bullen, Capt. Mayhew, and Lieut. Simeon, all in Highland uniform. Among the many remarkably good portraits of ladies was one of Mrs. Hepden Gillespie and another of Miss Margaret Tilley. Her child sketches are particularly happy and sympathetic.

Mrs. Burrell is now doing only three-hour sketches, as the more finished type of miniature she regards as more satisfactory both to the sitter and to herself.

LOCAL NEWS

We for whom our boys have fought
Pay because we must; and ought.

Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

Daughters of Pity.—The Daughters of Pity are holding a very important meeting to-morrow at Miss Roberts, 403 Young street. Members are asked to make a special effort to be present.

L. O. L. Dance.—Sir Edward Carson, L. O. L., will hold a dance in the Connaught hall, on Friday evening from 9 to 1.30. Heaton's orchestra will provide the music.

Indian Mad Liquor.—Harry, a Songhees Indian, was picked up on lower Johnson street on Saturday afternoon by Constable McPherson in a condition of intoxication, and to-day he was fined \$5 and \$1 costs for the offence, of five days in jail.

Hon. C. E. Tisdall, Minister of Works, the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt, Minister of Finance, and other members of the government will address the members of Ward IV Conservative Association in the Alexandra club, Courtney street, to-night at 8 p.m. All Conservatives, resident in this ward, are welcome.

Anti-Tuberculosis Society.—The monthly meeting of the Victoria Anti-Tuberculosis society will be held in the Alexandra committee room on Wednesday, January 19, at 11 a.m.

Lady Douglas Chapter.—The Lady Douglas chapter members will kindly notice that according to the schedule arranged by the Municipal chapter they will be in charge of the Fort street rooms the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The Post," Its Antiquity, Wonders and Humors.—A lantern lecture on the history of communication by post and the British post office will be given at the next meeting of the men's club at the Christ Church schoolroom on Tuesday, the 18th of January at 8 o'clock by Mr. Percy James, formerly of the secretary's staff, general post office, London, England.

To-night the Alexandra Club will be occupied by the Ward IV Conservative who are holding their annual meeting. After the election of officers, the meeting will be addressed by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. C. E. Tisdall, Minister of Works, and other gentlemen. All Conservatives, resident in this ward, are advanced sufficiently in their construction to take even one company of men these will be mobilized, and the work of building will go on until all have been accommodated.

The system of construction provides for huts for each company, and other buildings for the various staff units, with separate quarters for the officers. The messroom will be separate. The big open areas around the park will provide ample space for manoeuvring and open-air drill, the site offering quite exceptional advantages in this respect.

Many of the military units throughout the province have undertaken to recruit men for the 143rd. Owing to the difference in height requirements for the Bantams this is a feasible way of getting recruits without interfering in any way with the recruiting of other organizations. The 6th D. C. O. R. Vancouver, for instance, has forty men ready to be transferred whenever the buildings are ready for their accommodation.

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Carried Concealed Weapons.—Thinking he had some grievance against the residents of the house where his daughter is employed, James Mullard yesterday forenoon went to the house with a revolver in his pocket and indulged in several threats. He was turned over to the police and arrested by Sergeant F. F. and Constable Jones. This morning in police court he pleaded guilty and made a long statement of his grievances. The revolver was confiscated. Mullard was advised to keep away from the house, which he promised to do, and he was dismissed with this warning.

Trade Commissioners.—Messrs. Baker and Tucker, trade commissioners from Australia, are due to arrive in the city this afternoon and will meet the council of the board of trade to discuss the opportunities for trade between the two countries. They have been making a tour of the Dominion and will leave here for home on the Niagara. It is understood that their tour has been successful in arousing a great deal of interest in trade with the Commonwealth, and that they report the people of that portion of the empire quite anxious to trade with this country.

STAGE WITHOUT HOUSE; HOUSE WITHOUT STAGE

Divided Against Itself by Legal Action; Royal Victoria Will Still Stand

A curious situation is created by the foreclosing of the mortgage on portion of the Royal Victoria theatre property. The mortgagor finds himself in possession of a theatre auditorium without a stage, while the Victoria Opera House company is left with a stage without any accommodation for an audience.

The owner of the front half of the property is, however, not so badly off as the owners of the rear portion, especially since the flickering drama seems to be the only sort that Victorians can hope to see. He can hang a screen across the proscenium arch and present to as large an audience as the big auditorium will hold motion picture substitutes for the spoken play.

This situation is probably unique in the history of the drama. A house without a stage or a stage without a house is, of course, unthinkable; that it requires a little thought to realize the position. Here is an owner of a fine theatre, building on one half of it—and with all the conveniences for seating hundreds of people comfortably. But he cannot produce opera or play for their entertainment. On the other hand, the theatre company possesses one of the largest and most adequate stages on the continent, with all the scenic accessories and machinery and with dressing-rooms that are models of comfort. It can stage any attraction on the road, but cannot offer the players any audience to listen to their efforts. Playing to the back of the curtain would be neither satisfying nor profitable.

The wags offer many suggestions as to what use the stage could be put to, it

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STRIKING FIGURES OF B. C. ASSESSMENT

Five Cities and Six Rural Municipalities Have Totals Above \$10,000,000

According to figures prepared by the Inspector of Municipalities, Robert Baird, and published in the B. C. Financial Times, there are five cities and six rural municipalities with an assessment of \$10,000,000 or upwards. They are as follows, the 1915 figures being used:

	Improvement	Population
Vancouver	\$16,198,629	67,934,253
Victoria	81,455,902	25,191,995
N. Vancouver	18,577,850	3,495,244
N. Vancouver	15,675,349	3,340,628
Prince Rupert	12,394,653	2,831,260

"Kamloops, Nanaimo and Nelson all with populations from 6,000 to 8,000 have small assessments.

The rural municipalities are:

	Improvement	Population
Burnaby	\$21,341,559	32,867,429
N. Vancouver	11,279,019	1,648,850
Oak Bay	7,662,530	3,449,270
Point Grey	27,236,029	9,087,912
Saanich	18,628,125	4,491,044
S. Vancouver	27,146,197	9,757,739

It will be observed that South Vancouver is the third largest urban area in British Columbia. An official enumeration of Saanich recently has given the population figures as just over 10,000. It will be noticed that Point Grey's improvements include the valuable property at Shaughnessy heights.

The new assessment rolls both for Vancouver and Victoria show a decrease from the above figures. It is a striking commentary on British Columbian conditions that a quarter of a million of the population are located in the 35 towns, and 133,000 in the 28 organized districts. Seventeen of the 28 districts organized are in the Fraser Valley, exclusive of two cities, and adding to these, Vancouver city, North Vancouver city, and the district municipalities of North and West Vancouver, the cities of Port Coquitlam and Port Moody, there are thus no less than twenty-five of the sixty-three organized districts of the province in the lower mainland.

Apart from the city of Victoria, and its three contiguous municipalities, there are seven cities, and one rural municipality on Vancouver Island, namely: Alberni, Courtenay, Cumberland, Duncan, Ladysmith, Nanaimo and Port Alberni, and the municipality of North Cowichan. Nanaimo has an assessment of \$2,721,120 on land and \$2,883,350 on improvements.

The land assessment in the cities of British Columbia totals \$315,875,719 and on improvements \$144,827,181. In the municipal districts the figures are \$179,612,116 on land, and \$51,519,145 on improvements.

EXTREMELY COLD.

Vancouver Jan. 17.—The champion cold weather story of the season was brought to Vancouver to-day by E. J. West, who stepped off the train from the upper country with his face and hands blistered by the cold. He left Hamper's camp on Saturday morning at daylight and came down to Ashcroft by stage. The thermometers in Hamper's showed a temperature of 66 below zero. The instruments were scaled down only to that point and the temperature was something below that, how much West was unable to say.

SAY ALLIED TROOPS LANDED NEAR ATHENS

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Berlin newspapers express the belief that the landing of allied troops at Phalerum, five miles southwest of Athens, is considered as supplying proof that the entente powers intend using extreme means to force the hands of Greece.

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WORTH NOTHING, SO COULD NOT SHRINK

Some of Assets of Dominion Trust of No Value, Says Judge

Vancouver, Jan. 17.—How the assets of the Dominion Trust suffered a shrinkage from an estimated value of \$5,416,000 on December 31, 1915, as shown by the balance sheet of the company, to only \$600,000 at the time the company went into liquidation was partially inquired into in the misfeasance proceedings this morning before Mr. Justice Murphy.

Mr. Macdonald, counsel for Edmund Bell, was the principal cross-examiner of the expert witness, C. F. Millar, whom the liquidation is largely relying upon to prove its case. Mr. Millar having led the investigation into the books of the concern for the liquidator.

At the close of the cross-examination, Mr. Macdonald made a strong but unsuccessful plea that his client, Mr. Bell, be discharged from the case.

"Mr. Bell was elected director against his will, while he was away on a trip in New Zealand in December, 1913," stated Mr. Macdonald. "He was never a party to these resolutions or to this balance sheet. He never wanted to be a director. He was a client of the Dominion Trust company and is a large trustee as to the amounts due to the men who had not received their cheques were destroyed. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that the mine fire-fighting apparatus was of little avail.

BUILDING IN MERRITT DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Office of Middleboro Collieries, Post Office and Storeroom Burned; Cause Unknown.

Merritt, B. C., Jan. 17.—The large office building of the Middleboro Collieries, Ltd., with its entire contents, was completely destroyed by fire at 1:30 p. m. yesterday. The building, a large frame structure, included besides the mine offices the Middleboro post office and the rear portion was occupied as a hardware store room. The cause of the fire is unknown as there was no one in the building when the fire was discovered. The loss is estimated approximately at \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.

As Saturday was payday at the mine, most of the miners had received their pay cheques, but some had neglected to call for them and this will cause no little inconvenience, as the payrolls and all trace as to the amounts due to the men who had not received their cheques were destroyed. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that the mine fire-fighting apparatus was of little avail.

"What do you say about that, Mr. Martin?" asked his lordship.

"Certainly not," returned Joseph Martin, K.C., counsel for the liquidator. "He allowed his name to stay in the company as a lure to these unfortunate depositors and creditors. Mr. Bell is a well-known man with large investments, and doubtless many people went into this company on the strength of his name being used as that of a director. I told Mr. Macdonald privately I could not consent to dropping the case against Mr. Bell, and he ought not to make me bring it out again."

"Well, it is entirely up to my friend, Mr. Martin. If he will not consent to drop the case against us," said Mr. Macdonald with a gesture of helplessness as he resumed his seat.

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about \$500,000 at the time of the liquidation in October, 1914.

Mr. Macdonald—"Do you know that there was a general depression during 1914, which spread all over the country and depreciated the value of securities?"

In June, 1912.

Mr. Millar—"No; the depreciation in the value of securities started in June, 1912, and kept on spreading."

Mr. Macdonald—"Can you say how much the company has lost of its real assets?"

Mr. Millar—"Something over \$4,000,000, including the \$1,000,000 in claims by trust creditors, most of whom are in England. At the time these trusts were given there was misrepresentation to clients."

Mr. Macdonald—"Recoverable, by private suit for breach of trust?"

Mr. Millar—"I suppose so."

Mr. Macdonald—"They are not in this investigation."

Mr. Millar—"Yes they are. Their moneys were invested in the general assets of the company. We can not find out the particulars of the investments because the funds already were mixed."

Mr. Macdonald—"If you recover against these directors then, you will get more than has been lost?"

Mr. Millar—"No; the amount claimed against them, with the exception of No. 167, is \$4,190,390 in all. The losses amount to \$4,310,498. (Claim 167 is a claim for \$1,193,532 for depositors' funds, etc., which have been lost, there being nothing to show what has been done with them.)"

Mr. Macdonald—"Is not the loss directly attributable to the loss by shrinkage between those two dates?"

Worthless When Put In.

Mr. Justice Murphy—"Why, obviously not. Some of those assets were worthless when they were put in. They were not able to shrink because they were not worth anything." There were the bonds of the B. C. Securities, which appear for over \$600,000, but which were not worth the paper they were printed on. That is what is complained of."

Proceeding almost due south from Verdun, there is a direct contact with the German line, as the frequent firing indicates. The Germans are in possession of St. Mihiel and on Hill 277, where they are entrenched, they have hoisted the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish flags, which can be seen fluttering in the wind.

At St. Mihiel.

Though the Germans possess St. Mihiel, the French believe that by their control of the strongly fortified natural positions in this neighborhood they have the upper hand. The first lines of trenches in this district are very close, but the French have an advantage in possessing portions in the rear of their second and third line trenches which are on high ground and dominate those of their adversaries.

An advance by the Germans would not seem to be possible against the natural obstacles and the defences which have been improved unceasingly for six months. A retreat by the Germans is considered equally as difficult as a forward movement, for it is pointed out, should they attempt to retreat they would risk the fire of the French forces which surround them.

The French losses in this forward position have been of no consequence—only a very few dead in five months. The men are most comfortable, except that they are annoyed at times, not by rats, but by mice. They take this good-naturedly.

AUSTRIANS ADMIT LOSS.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—Trenches in the Oslavia sector on the Italian front which had been taken by the Austrians recently, were evacuated by the Austrian occupants, owing to the concentrated fire of the Italian artillery. It was announced to-day by Austrian army headquarters in the official statement, received here from Vienna.

Real Value.

Mr. Macdonald directed his cross-examination to finding out what was the real value of the securities contained in the balance sheet at the end of 1913.

"How much was real value and how much was increase in value?" he asked the witness, Millar.

"There was an increase of \$15,000 shown for the New Westminster premises. Outside of that, the rest of the moneys shown had been put into assets. They cost the company what they showed. There also was a matter of \$200,000 in the Central Okanagan loan which was not in money. It was added to the reserve because the company took a \$40,000 note in return for a \$200,000 loan," said Mr. Millar, who explained that though the books proved that certain sums of money had been paid for certain securities, that did not always prove that the company always got value in return, as in many cases it had bought securities from subsidiary companies. The books, however, showed what sums had been paid out in cash for them.

"What portion of the \$5,416,000 was real value paid out?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

"At least \$5,150,000."

Mr. Macdonald—"Then the depreciation came with the falling market for securities?"

Mr. Millar—"I would not say that. A lot depends upon the real value of the securities at the time they were bought. Some of the securities were bought from the British Canadian Securities Company, in which the Dominion Trust owned 243,300 shares out of total of 250,000. These securities which, with their fictitious values, were shown at \$5,150,000 at the end of 1913, were shown to be only worth

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VICTORIA SEED IS BEING SOLD ABROAD

Local Industry Had Made Headway, and is Showing Results

One of the most interesting callers recently at the office of the Victoria and Island Development association was W. B. Orr, of Victoria, who has been studying the growing of sweet peas and other seeds. During the last year he has raised about 100 pounds of sweet pea and vegetable seeds. All the ground he has is about a quarter of an acre inside the city limits, and about three-quarters of an acre over the city border line. He has obtained a contract from one of the largest seed growers in America to sell them all the seed he can grow from the parent seed they are sending in. From a sample of seed that he sent to England, he has received an order to supply all the seed he can grow from the parent seed they have been sending to him.

The superiority of the Victoria grown seed is demonstrated by Mr. Orr in his business achievement and its commercial value demonstrates the value to the community of the seed growing industry and the organization of the Victoria Seed-growers' association by the Victoria and Island Development association. There are several others in Victoria who have made a start in seed growing in a small way, and it seems likely that the industry will develop rapidly in this city.

The commissioner of the association this morning put this matter forward as demonstrating the possibilities of cultivation of vacant lots in Victoria. This year will be the first year in which Mr. Orr's land will be fully under cultivation, and he expects to raise from the acre and a quarter of ground at least 500 pounds of seed which he says has a marketable value of \$1 per pound. Other members of the seed-growers' association are following along the same lines, and assert that the success of the seed-growers' association with the assistance of the Dominion or provincial governments' experts would point to Victoria being surrounded with money-making seed farms. By this means every small piece of ground can be made income returning.

The seed-growers' association has arranged with Mr. Fryer, through Professor Stevenson and Commissioner Cuthbert, to have germination tests made of any flower or vegetable seed left at the Development association rooms. These tests will be made without charge, and Professor Stevenson has arranged with Mr. Fryer for the latter to make a personal inspection at least once before harvesting of all seed that is being grown by the members of the Victoria Seed-growers' association.

Mr. Robinson, of the provincial department of agriculture, who is inspector of fruit crops, has undertaken to inspect the land devoted to seed culture and the crops once or twice during the season.

Six packages of Victoria grown seed were sent to-day by Commissioner Cuthbert to Mr. Fryer for germination test, all being of the 1915 crop. The varieties are as follows: Sweet pea, King White, Irish Belle; aster, Fordhook (Onix); Beatrice and George Herbert; cauliflower, Voelkels Autumn Giant.

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PATRIOTIC AID

The following are some of the special subscriptions received by the Victoria Patriotic Aid society:

Fifth Regiment band concert given in Royal Victoria theatre on Sunday evening, January 9, \$162.32; proceeds of sale of home-made sweets, by Miss Helen Scott, \$9; Colwood Women's Institute, \$10; a farmer, \$5; B. C. provincial government officials, \$1,361.65; officers and crew of tug Sadie, \$10; officers and crew of tug Swell, \$10; officers and crew of Leebro, \$35.30; officers and crew of C. G. S. Malaspina, \$12; officers and crew of C. G. S. Gaffano, \$15; officers and crew of cable ship Restorer, \$45.50; officers and crew of str. Restless, \$12; officers and crew of str. Silver, \$7; officers and crew of C. G. S. Quadra, \$3.16; B. C. coast service, \$27.25; employees, E. G. Prior & Co., \$35.50; employees, Yarrow, Limited, \$1; employees, E. & N. Railway Co., \$36; post office employees, \$16; staff, department of inland revenue, \$5; employees, Brackman-Kent Milling Co., \$10; employees, W. & J. Wilson, \$22; employees, Esquimalt water works, \$26; Times office, \$50; quarantine station staff, \$6.50; Pacific club employees, \$20; Sayward block employees, \$11; employees, David Spencer, Ltd., \$10.25; employees, Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co., \$12; employees, Copas & Young, \$10; employees, E. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., \$10; employees, and son, Sir John Jackson (Canada), Limited, \$20; staff, Gordon, Limited, \$5; staff, land registry office, \$17; outside employees, city hall, \$17; fire department, \$57.55; city assessors' office, \$14; employees, Turner, Boston & Co., \$16; Shawinigan Lake Lumber Co. and employees, \$16; staff, Quebec bank, \$10.

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CHEERING.

To the Editor.—My attention has been drawn to a second "literary gem" regarding cheering, in your issue of yesterday, and after reading same am not surprised that the he, she, or it, who made the attempt should be ashamed to sign its name.

Being a woman and a British subject who has not got the habit yet of changing her nationality from that of the British empire, and vice versa, I only suggest that some vital new discovery for the amelioration of mankind has been unearthed in the king's uniform—but state it as an absolute fact which is proved by the freedom of the seas to the allied nations, and the freedom of women and children from slavery wherever that uniform is found facing the foe, but I do not care to discuss the implied slur cast on the uniform by one posing as a stalwart, loyal Britisher, whatever that expression may mean, but trust the soldiers in our city will make a note of it.

That your correspondent is not possessed of sufficient pugnacity, is quite obvious, but the boys in khaki are, and this is why we cheer them for one reason.

That the British cheer is appreciated and understood by our soldiers here is proved by their personal expressions of appreciation to me and to others, and as they are the only ones that count, the British "hip, hip, hurrah" will continue to greet them regardless of Russian, French, Italian or Belgian parents on censuses, to say nothing of nameless critics.

(Mrs.) M. MACINTYRE.

Jan. 13.

A PLEA FOR THE WILD BIRDS.

To the Editor.—I am going to ask for the sympathy of all kindly disposed persons, especially women and children, to think and act, to act at once, to find food for the hundreds of little birds that are without food this cold weather. The poor little fellows being hungry and cold are no tame, as all can see, that they come looking into your windows to see if you will throw out crumbs of bread, scraps of all kinds of food that you do not want yourself. For days past my family, and no doubt many others, have been feeding them, and they have been round the house by hundreds and seem to have told their friends there was food to be got, for they increase day by day. We have noticed two new birds in quantities, something like a small bush robin, but rounder in build and differently marked. They are from a distance, I think, for they are shy. Would it not be advisable for the school teachers to impress on the children the necessity of performing this kind act each day until the snow melts and the weather gets milder.

EDGAR FAWCETT.

Dingley Dell, Jan. 14, 1916.

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Half-pints	.60¢
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Heinz, pint bottles	.30¢
Heinz, half-pints	.30¢
Alfonso, Pinard Oil, in gallon tins	\$4.00
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STANDS TO GUNS

Oak Bay Council Will Not Waver in
Position on North East Sewer
Question.

The attitude of Oak Bay to the north-
east sewer impasse is defined in a short
letter, which will be laid before the city
council to-night, in which the council
states that no connection will be allowed
till Saanich has paid the sum (\$9,750)
sought under the draft agreement already
forwarded to the Saanich council.

At a meeting of the three municipali-
ties' representatives held on January 5
the Oak Bay representatives refused to
change from the position formerly taken
up. While Oak Bay construed the
sewer in 1915 it was understood Saanich
would pay its share.

The city has failed to bring the contending
parties together. Saanich council
members than maintained that the Oak
Bay would refuse to pay the claim of Oak
Bay, but would look to the city to give
it service when the stipulated sum of
\$22,000 was paid by Saanich to the city
after the passage of the necessary by-
law.

The position is a very difficult one for
people demanding sewerage facilities on
Richmond road and adjacent streets.
These people have a trunk sewer practically
at their door, yet because the matter
is tied up in this way they cannot
enter into any agreement, nor can the
municipality on their behalf agree with
the city on a basis of maintenance pend-
ing the submission of the by-law. It
would be useless for a temporary ar-
rangement to be made to carry sewerage
a few hundred yards through the city
and Saanich to be caught at the Oak Bay
boundary at low Bay road.

The agreement between the city and
Saanich was never signed, and therefore
negotiations are based on verbal recol-
lections of individual members and offi-
cials at that time.

LOAN BY-LAW READY FOR THIS EVENING

Figure is Left Open but \$750,-
000 Will Probably Be
Sufficient

The annual loan by-law will be in-
troduced in city council this evening.
The figure is left open, but it is stated
that the amount probably set out will
be \$750,000. Last year authority to issue
\$1,000,000 against the taxes of the
year was obtained, but through care-
ful financing no money was borrowed
after the month of August. Therefore
there is every anticipation that three-
quarters of million dollars will be all
that is required in 1916.

Doubtless at the next session of the
legislature the government will con-
cede to municipalities the power to
borrow against arrears of taxes, which
would place a considerable revenue in
the disposal of a city like Victoria,
where the overdue taxes are so impor-
tant a factor. Some of the municipalities
around the cities of this province,
which suffered most disastrously from
the realty boom, are so placed that they
would scarcely need to levy a
rate this year if the arrears of taxes
were paid.

However, apart from this additional
legislation, as municipalities are placed
by circumstances that they cannot well
tax property till the fall season has
determined the earnings of the year,
the business has to be carried on by
the district's bankers till the taxes
come in, and thus annual loans are
the practice everywhere. Probably
three-quarters of a million dollars will be
ample to enable the city to carry on
its operations till next October, or No-
vember, whichever month is set in the
tax by-law for the payment within the
discount period.

For the meeting there will be no com-
mittee reports, and only a small amount
of business has been sent forward un-
finished from the late council. As only
two of the members are new to coun-
cil experience, there should not be
much time lost in settling down to the
year's work.

ELECTION ADVICE.

Kamloops Government Organ Wants a
Road Built Because Election
is in Sight.

An exceedingly candid comment is
made by the Conservative paper in
Kamloops, the Standard, in its last issue,
and may be meant as a hint to the
fact that Hon. W. J. Bowser is at
present in that city for a short stay.

The Standard recalls that several
years ago the provincial government
secured an appropriation for the pur-
pose of constructing a wagon road
from Upper Louis creek to the South
Thompson road at Chase, a distance of
14 miles, but that it was used for some
other purpose. The paper adds:

"With a provincial election in sight
in the near future steps should be
taken at once with a view to having
this piece of road constructed."

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chaser.

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annually, but now as many as 5,250,000 are
being made up. Instead of 43,000 great-
coats for the men, 1,500,000 are being
made. The number of boots being made
has gone up from 265,000 to 6,500,000.
Amongst other articles of clothing being
made are 11,000,000 shirts and 5,000,000
pairs of trousers.

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Helps a soldier's wife to live
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KILLING OLD SCHOOL ON PENDER ISLAND

Sample of Political Inter-
ference With Education Under
Present Government

One of the planks in the Liberal
platform is the removal of the educational
system of the province entirely
from politics, where it is kept largely
under the existing administration.
An instance of how politics in school
matters works to the disadvantage of
education is being afforded just now
on Pender Island.

For years the school on that island,
which has until within the past year been
a school district, has been at
Hope Bay, this being a central point
which was easily accessible to the
children from the different parts of
the district. During the year the
council of public instruction, acting,
it is claimed, on the representations
of a strong supporter of the govern-
ment who lives in the north portion of
the island, altered the boundaries of
the district and established an assisted
school district, with a school at
Port Washington.

A result of this was that the delin-
quent school taxes of the Pender
Island school district have reached a
large sum, and at the end of the year
the trustees resigned as a protest
against the action of the department,
which relieves from taxation all those
who live within the area taken from
it, thus reducing the revenue of the
old district and increasing the taxes
on the district if the school is to be
maintained.

A meeting was held in the school-
house on Monday last for the purpose
of electing a new board, but no nomi-
nations were forthcoming, no one in the
district being willing to take the re-
sponsibility of acquiescence in the
action of the department in this matter.

The chairman of the meeting was
R. S. W. Corbett, and Alex Amilton
acted as secretary.

A. H. Menzies, secretary of the
trustees, was called upon to report
the circumstances attending the pre-
sent situation and the resignation of
the board. He informed the meeting
that the delinquent taxes for 1913 were
\$81.20, for 1914 \$91.71, and for 1915
\$194.75. There was in the treasury
the sum of two dollars and there was
owing on the salary of the teacher
\$3.25. Mr. Menzies said he had written
to the superintendent of education of
the province to pay the salary of the
teacher, and got the reply that the
board was in arrears to the amount of
\$96.40 and could get no further cash
from the department until the arrears
of school tax came in.

Mr. Menzies went on to say that the
government had recently established
an assisted school within the school
district and paid the whole of the
teacher's salary, exempting from school
taxes residents of the new district and
increasing the taxes in the old district
correspondingly. Having met the offi-
cial who recommended the opening of
the school at Port Washington, Mr.
Menzies asked him how he came to
place a new school inside the legal
radius of the old school district. The
reply was: "We got over that by re-
defining the boundaries of the Pender
Island school district first."

Mr. Menzies then read the letter of
resignation of himself and colleagues,
which is as follows:

"Pender Island, Dec. 17, 1915.

"We, the undersigned trustees of the
Pender Island school district, would
respectfully resign our positions to
take effect December 31, 1915, for the
following reasons:

1. For the illegal and unwarranted
interference with the boundaries of the
Pender Island school district by the
council of public instruction since the
last annual meeting.

2. For the neglect on the part of
the government to collect and turn
over to the school board the taxes
necessary to carry on the work of the
school.

"3. For the action of the department
in not allowing the trustees to do their
duty in the best way possible."

"(Signed)

"THOMAS REID, V."

"J. A. BRACKETT, V."

"A. H. MENZIES, V."

"Secretary."

At this point the chairman called for
nominations for trustees but got no
response, although he waited for one
for some minutes.

A general discussion followed in
which a number of interesting points
were brought out. For instance, residents
at Otter Bay had vainly protest-
ed against being included in the Port
Washington school district, and there
was not enough children of school age
there to warrant the opening of a new
school. The following resolution was
then moved by H. B. Harris, seconded
by E. Pollard, and carried unanimously:

"Resolved, that this meeting endorses
the course taken by the retiring board
of trustees and declares its intention of
adhering to this line of action until
such time as the government collects
the delinquent taxes and places this
school on a proper business basis."

It was moved by H. B. Harris, sec-
onded by W. B. Bowerman and carried
unanimously that copies of the minutes
of that meeting be forwarded to the
minister of education, the superintend-
ent of education and the leading news-
papers.

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of trustees and declares its intention of
adhering to this line of action until
such time as the government collects
the delinquent taxes and places this
school on a proper business basis."

Mrs. Clarke found her little daughter
holding up a protesting kitten by the
tail. "How can you be so cruel?" to the
dear little thing?" cried the mother.
"I'm not being cruel," replied the
child. "Dad said last night, when he
was playing cards, that there was two
shillings and ninepence in the kitty,
and I'm trying to shake it out!"

The reason why ships are not struck by
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WARD I. LIBERALS MEET THIS EVENING

Annual Meeting and Election
of Officers to Take Place in
Jeune Block Rooms

The members of the Ward I. Liberal
association will assemble to-night for
their annual meeting, when officers for
the coming twelve months will be elected
and other business will be trans-
acted.

The meeting will be held in the Lib-
eral headquarters, Jeune block, Cor-
morant street, and will commence at 8
o'clock.

All members and those electors in
Ward I. who desire to affiliate them-
selves with the Liberal party are asked
to attend this evening. H. C. Brewster,
leader of the Liberal party in
British Columbia, will be present.

TEMPERATURE RISES ABOVE FREEZING POINT

Cold Snap Practically Broken;
Mainland Still in Grip
of Frost

The cold snap has broken. Snow
still lies on the ground, particularly in
the down-town areas where tall buildings
throw shadows which prevent the
warm sun from touching the packed
drifts for more than a few minutes in
the day. But there was a distinct
modification in the weather conditions
yesterday, the mercury running up to
38 degrees during the warmest period,
and again to-day at noon it touched
the same point. The minimum yester-
day was 24, the maximum to-day 30,
on the standard thermometer; on the
ground thermometer yesterday the
lowest point touched by the mercury
was 17, and to-day 24.

Showing the movement of the earth
on its axis in relation to the sun it is
worthy of note that the solo-radiation
thermometer yesterday recorded 96 de-
grees in the sun. This instrument is a
black-bulbed thermometer, kept in a
vacuum, and made for the express pur-
pose of measuring the sun's heat irres-
pective of local atmospheric conditions.
In midsummer this instrument records
as high as 149 degrees, and except from a
purely scientific point of view the
report has little immediate interest.